



Dance in the
Wampire Bund

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Nenne dich nicht arm,

weil Träume nicht

in Erfüllung gegangen sind;

wirklich arm ist nur,

der nie geträumt hat.

Child, do not pity yourself
for a dream
that did not come true:

The only ones who deserve pity
are those
who have never
had dreams of their own.

Ehzer-Eschenbach, Aphorismen

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nicht in Erfüllung gegangen sind;
wirklich arm ist nur, der nie geträumt
hat.

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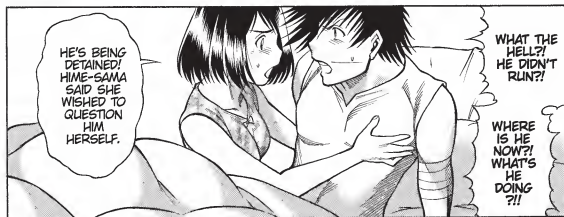


THAT ONE
GUY,
HAMA-
SAN...

HE
WENT AND
BROUGHT
IT BACK.



HN?
THOUGHT
THIS ARM
GOT RIPPED
OFF AND
LOST SOME-
WHERE...



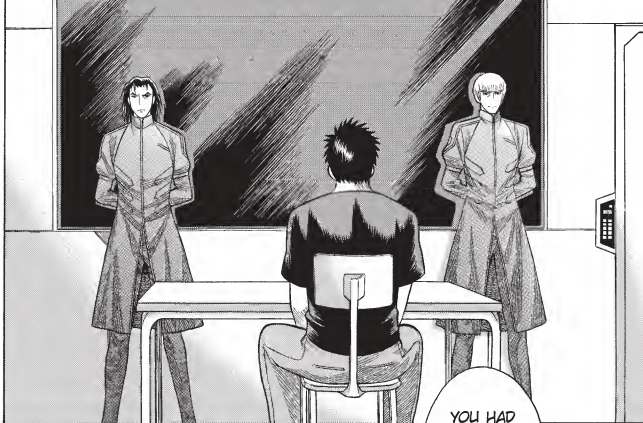
HE'S BEING
DETAINED!
HIME-SAMA
SAID SHE
WISHED TO
QUESTION
HIM
HERSELF.

WHAT THE
HELL?!
HE DIDN'T
RUN?

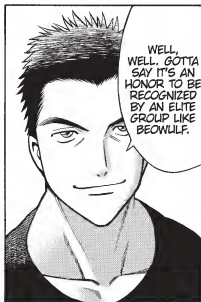
WHERE
IS HE
NOW?!
WHAT'S
HE
DOING
?!!



WHAT THE
HECK IS
THAT GUY
PLANNING
...?



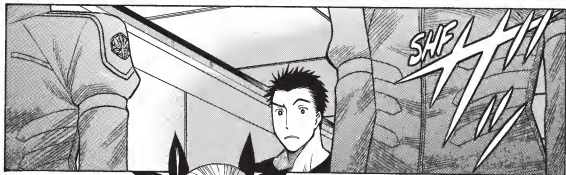
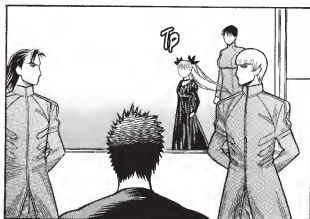
YOU HAD
US ALL
FOOLED,
GOING BY
THE NAME
"HAMA-
SEIJI."



HEH,
TO THINK
ONE OF
THE BEST
MERCS OUT
THERE IS
JAPANESE.

WHY,
YOUR VERY
EXISTENCE HAS
BEEN ONE OF
OUR GREATEST
CONCERNS...
"SLEDGE-
HAMMER."







NO WATER-BOARDING. I'VE GOT A REAL BED TO SLEEP ON, AND BEST OF ALL, THE FOOD'S GOOD.

HEH. COMPARED TO BOGOTA, THIS PLACE IS A DREAM.



THE LIFE OF A PRISONER SEEMS TO AGREE WITH YOU.

YOU LOOK WELL.



REHABILITATION WILL BE HARSH, BUT I SUSPECT HE WILL BE AT FULL HEALTH SOONER RATHER THAN LATER.

RECONNECTED AND HEALING.



BETTER THAN THE "HAM-BURGER MADE BY A HINDU," I DARESAY.



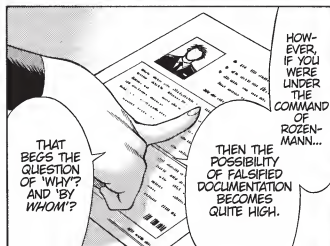
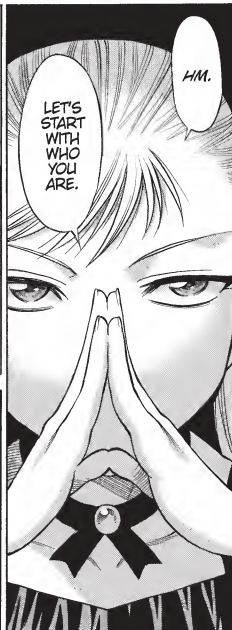
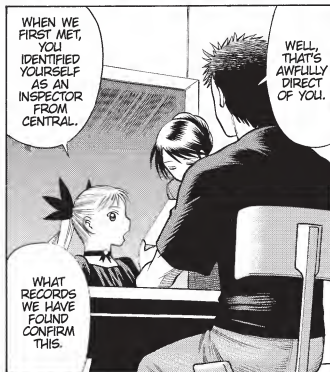
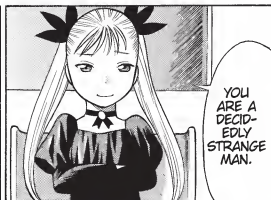
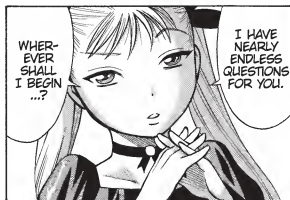
HOW'S HIS ARM?

HEH. SO AKIRA TOLD YOU ABOUT THAT, HUH?



THAT'S GOOD NEWS.

I SEE.





I AM TERRIBLY CURIOUS AS TO WHY SOMEONE SAW FIT TO FALSIFY YOUR IDENTITY AND CONCEAL YOUR RETURN TO ROZENMANN'S SERVICE. IF I FIND YOUR STORY LESS THAN SATISFACTORY...

I MAY HAVE TO HAVE THAT SOMEONE FOUND AND THOROUGHLY QUESTIONED.



HAVING YOU ALL GET THE WRONG IDEA WOULD BE BAD AND ALL, SO I STUCK AROUND AND LET YOU BRING ME HERE SO I COULD EXPLAIN.

WHOA. STOP RIGHT THERE, YOUR MAJESTY. YOU SEE, THIS IS WHERE THINGS GET KINDA COMPLICATED.



BUT HAVE A CARE...

IS THAT SO? WELL THEN, DO EXPLAIN! LET US HEAR THIS REASONING OF YOURS.



AND PEOPLE WONDER WHY VAMPIRES GIVE ME THE HEEBIE-JEEBIES.

GOD.



THINGS STARTED WITH MY SQUAD'S ASSAULT ON THAT MANSION, WAY BACK WHEN YOU FIRST SHOWED UP HERE.

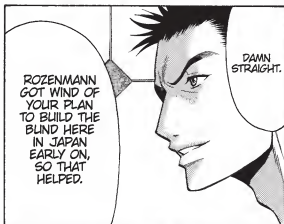
RIGHT, THEN.



SO THE CONSERVATIVES ARE CONNECTED TO ROZENMANN!



A BLUNCH OF POLITICAL CONSERVATIVES AND BIG MONEY MEN GOT TOGETHER AND FORMED US IN SECRET.



DAMN STRAIGHT.

ROZENMANN GOT WIND OF YOUR PLAN TO BUILD THE BLIND HERE IN JAPAN EARLY ON, SO THAT HELPED.

THEY WEREN'T TOO HAPPY WITH THE IDEA OF THE TEPE'S FAMILY GETTING ALL BUDDY-BUDDY WITH THE CURRENT ADMINISTRATION, YOU SEE. THOUGHT IT WAS TOO DANGEROUS.

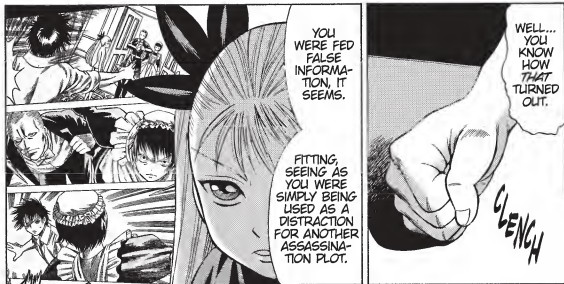


BUT THEY WEREN'T THE ONLY ONES INVOLVED.



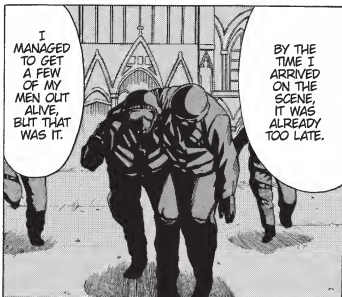
"ANNIHILATE ALL MEMBERS OF THE TEPE'S FACTION PRESENT AT THAT MANSION," THEY SAID.
"ALL TARGETS ARE HUMAN," THEY SAID.
"OPERATE WITH NORMAL AMMO," THEY SAID.

THEY HAD ME OFF ON ANOTHER MISSION WHEN THE ORDERS TO MOVE OUT CAME.



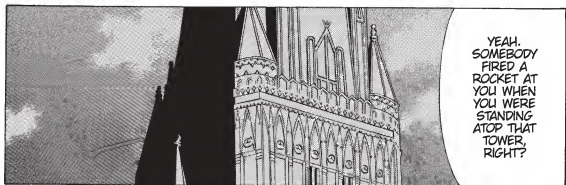


YOU
WERE
THERE
?!



I
MANAGED
TO GET
A FEW
OF MY
MEN OUT
ALIVE,
BUT THAT
WAS IT.

BY THE
TIME I
ARRIVED
ON THE
SCENE,
IT WAS
ALREADY
TOO LATE.



YEAH.
SOMEBODY
FIRED A
ROCKET AT
YOU WHEN
YOU WERE
STANDING
ATOP THAT
TOWER,
RIGHT?



REAL-
LY?!

THAT
WAS
YOU?

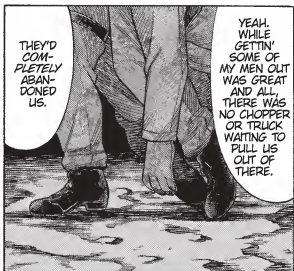


THAT
WAS
ME.



I WAS GETTING READY TO MAKE A LAST STAND, WHEN...

THE BEOWULF WERE HOT ON OUR TAIL TOO.



THEY'D COMPLETELY ABANDONED US.

YEAH. WHILE GETTIN' SOME OF MY MEN OUT WAS GREAT AND ALL, THERE WAS NO CHOPPER OR TRUCK WAITING TO PULL US OUT OF THERE.

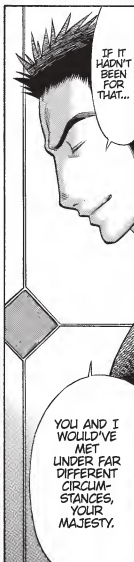


TALK ABOUT INGRATITUDE.

PERHAPS. BUT AFTER TAKING THAT HAND, YOU PROMPTLY RAN RIGHT BACK TO THE MASTER WHO HAD JUST FINISHED TOSSING YOU AWAY.



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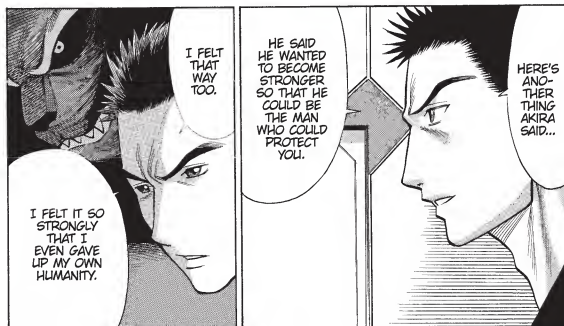
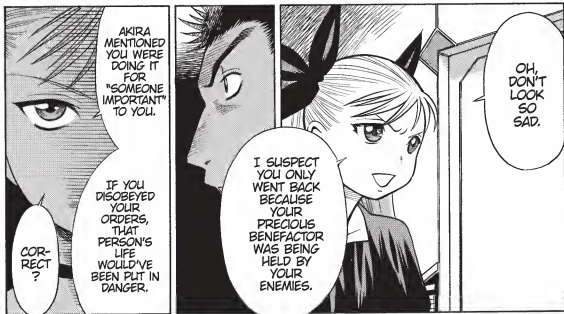
IF IT HADN'T BEEN FOR THAT...

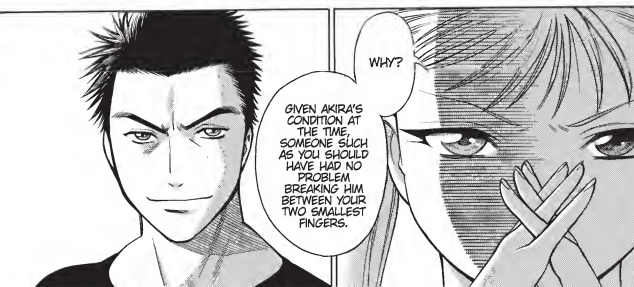
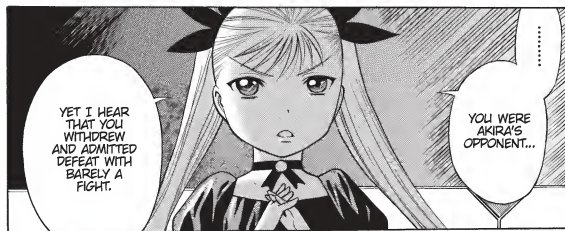
YOU AND I WOULD'VE MET UNDER FAR DIFFERENT CIRCUMSTANCES, YOUR MAJESTY.

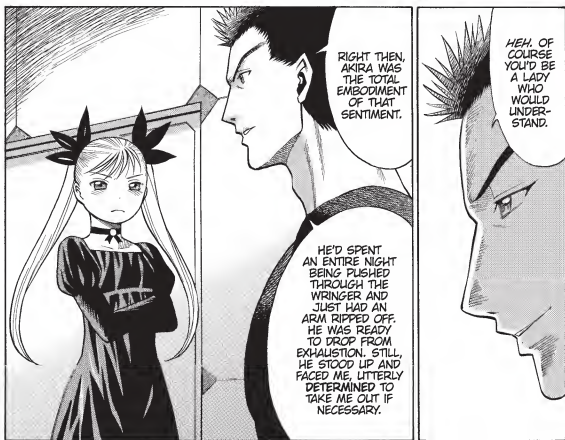


SOMEONE CAME.
SOMEONE CAME.

SOMEONE CAME AND HELD OUT A HAND OF SALVATION.







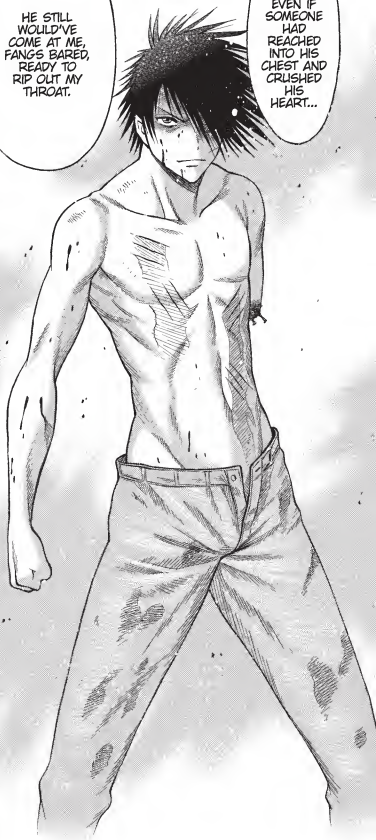


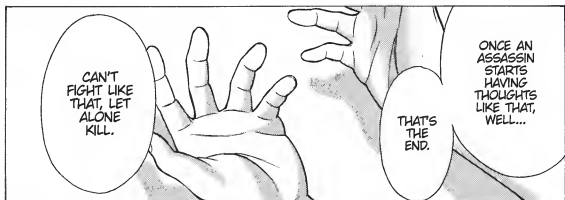
SEEING
HIM
MADE ME
THINK.

HE STILL
WOULD'VE
COME AT ME,
FANGS BARED,
READY TO
RIP OUT MY
THROAT.

I THINK
THAT
EVEN IF
SOMEONE
HAD
REACHED
INTO HIS
CHEST AND
CRUSHED
HIS
HEART...

IT MADE
ME REALLY
WANT TO
KNOW WHAT
KIND OF
MAN HE'LL
GROW INTO.







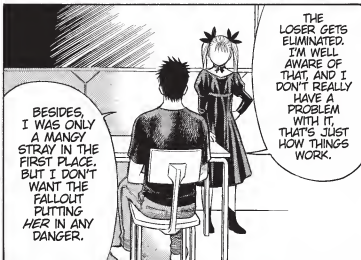
SO THAT
IS WHY
YOU CAME
CRAWLING
TO ME.

DON'T YOU
THINK YOU
PRESUME
A BIT
MUCH?



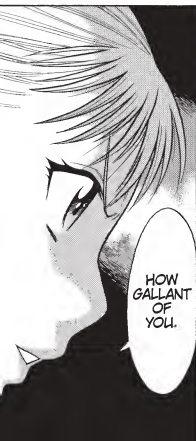
UNFORTU-
NATELY,
ROZENMANN
ISN'T
NEARLY AS
FORGIVING.

I'LL
TAKE
THAT
AS A
COMPLI-
MENT,
YOUR
MAJ-
ESTY.



BESIDES,
I WAS ONLY
A MANGY
STRAY IN THE
FIRST PLACE.
BUT I DON'T
WANT THE
FALLOUT
PUTTING
HER IN ANY
DANGER.

THE
LOSER GETS
ELIMINATED.
I'M WELL
AWARE OF
THAT, AND I
DON'T REALLY
HAVE A
PROBLEM
WITH IT,
THAT'S JUST
HOW THINGS
WORK.



HOW
GALLANT
OF
YOU.



THAT,
AND MY
LIFE.

OH,
DON'T
GET ME
WRONG.

NOBODY SAID
I WAS ASKING
YOU TO DO
IT FOR FREE.
IN EXCHANGE,
I'LL GIVE YOU
EVERY LAST
SECRET OF
ROZENMANN'S
THAT I KNOW.



I DON'T CARE ABOUT THAT.

I JUST CAN'T FORGET THE WARMTH OF HER HAND THAT DAY SHE CAME TO PULL ME OUT.



BUT ARE YOU CERTAIN THAT SHE IS WORTH THE PRICE?

FROM HER STANDPOINT, YOU COULD SIMPLY HAVE BEEN SAVED TO SERVE AS LIVING PROOF OF HER POLITICAL ENEMIES' FOLLY.



THAT'S ALL.



I BLAME IT ON A POOR UPBRINGING.



TO PROTECT HER, YOU'D BETRAY HER AND TOSS AWAY YOUR LIFE...

IT SEEMS THAT YOU ARE NOT ONLY STRANGE BUT TERRIBLY GAUCHE AS WELL.

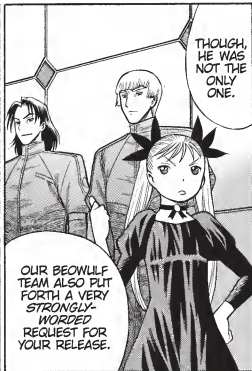
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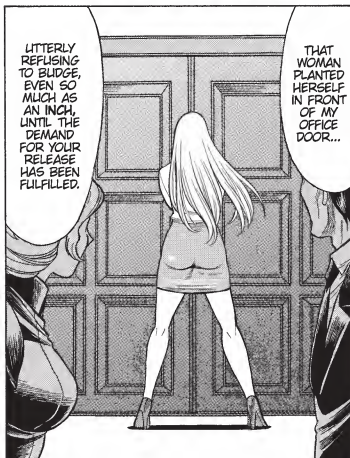
YEAH,
YOU'RE TOO
GOOD TO
BE KILLED
OVER A
LITTLE
THING LIKE
THIS.

EFFECTIVE
SOLDIERS
ARE TO BE
USED, NOT
WASTED.



THOUGH,
HE WAS
NOT THE
ONLY
ONE.

OUR BEOWULF
TEAM ALSO PUT
FORTH A VERY
STRONGLY-
WORDED
REQUEST FOR
YOUR RELEASE.



LITTERLY
REFUSING
TO BUDGE,
EVEN SO
MUCH AS
AN INCH,
UNTIL THE
DEMAND
FOR YOUR
RELEASE
HAS BEEN
FULFILLED.

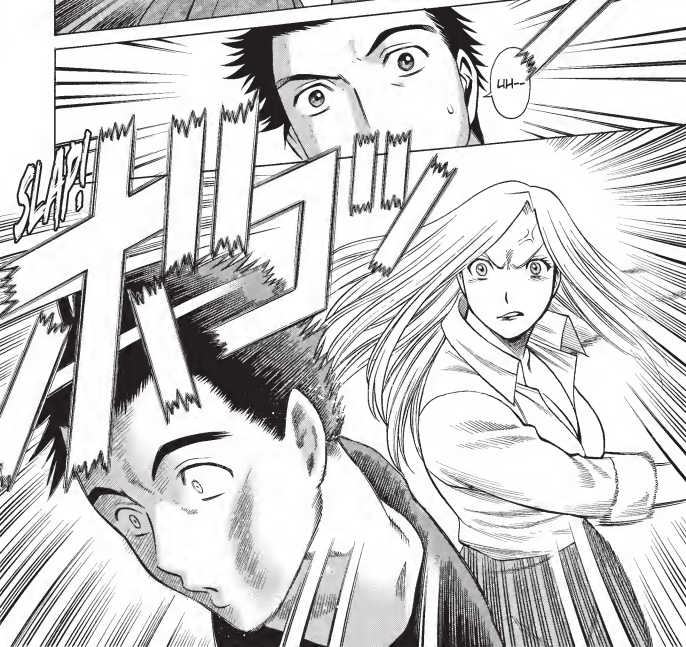
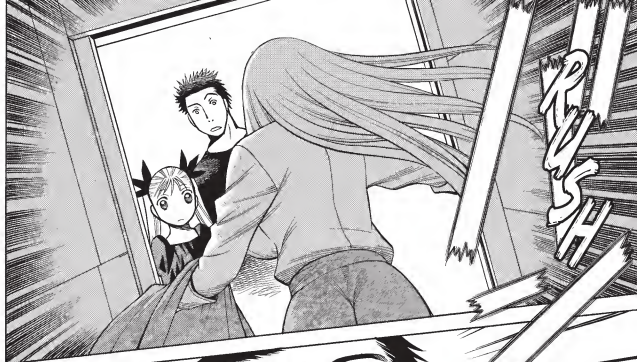
THAT
WOMAN
PLANTED
HERSELF
IN FRONT
OF MY
OFFICE
DOOR...

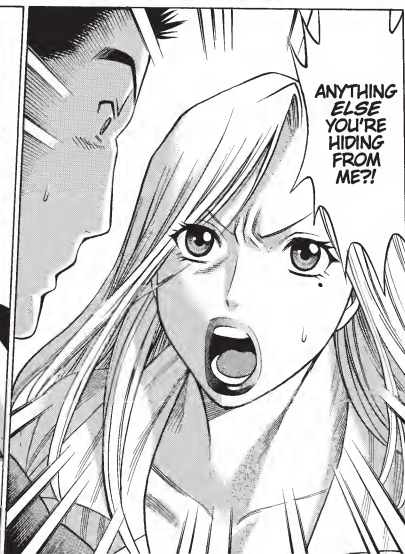
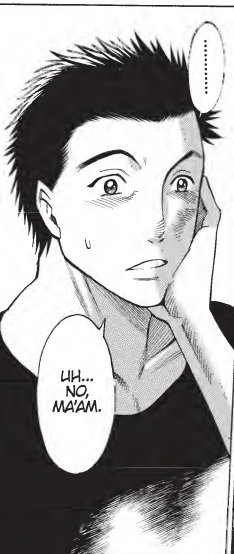
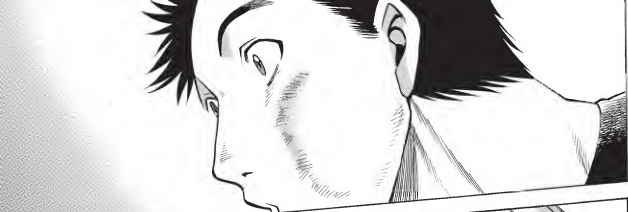


THOUGH, I
MUST SAY
SHE PUT IN
THE FINAL
WORD.

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PLEASE ...

TAKE
GOOD
CARE
OF
AKIRA.

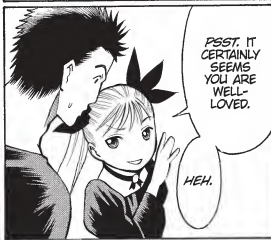


NOT AS
MUCH AS
YOU,
YOUR
MAJESTY.



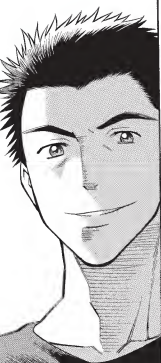
DON'T
WORRY
ABOUT
IT.

SOMEHOW,
IT DOESN'T
SEEM
RIGHT TO
BE ANGRY
ANYMORE.

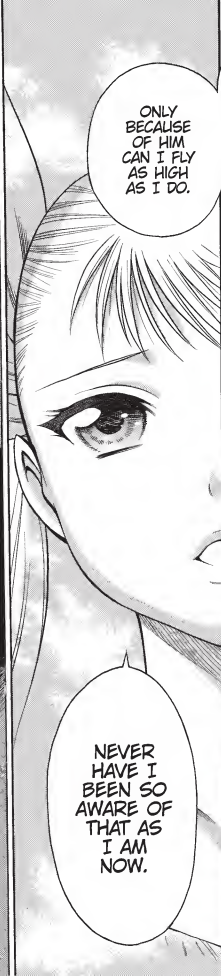


PSST. IT
CERTAINLY
SEEMS
YOU ARE
WELL-
LOVED.

HEH.



ATTA
GIRL!



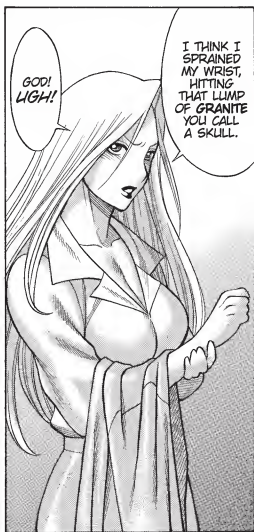
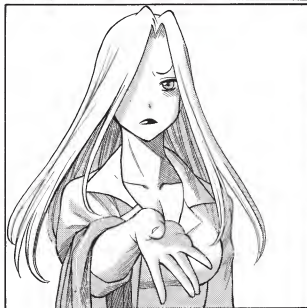
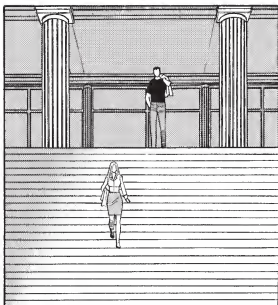
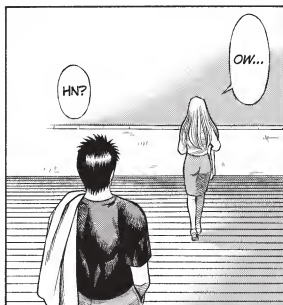
ONLY
BECAUSE
OF HIM
CAN I FLY
AS HIGH
AS I DO.

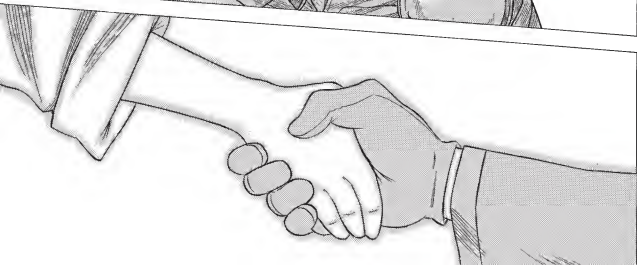
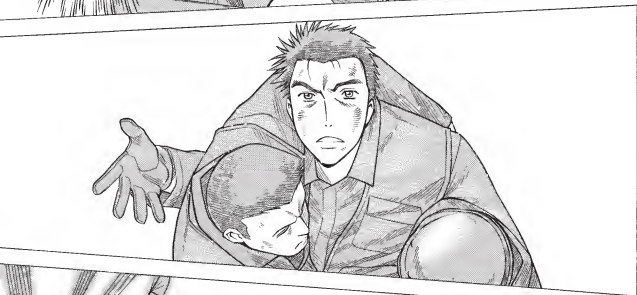
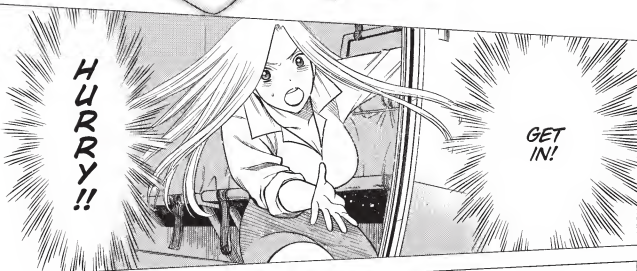
NEVER
HAVE I
BEEN SO
AWARE OF
THAT AS
I AM
NOW.

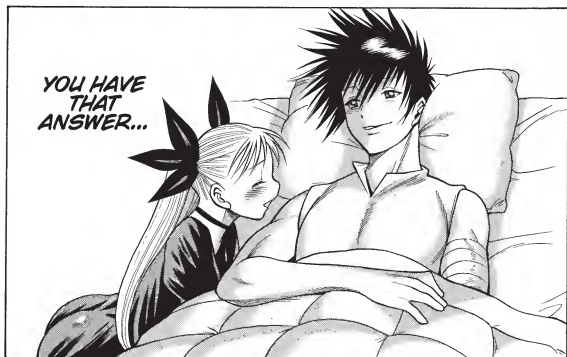
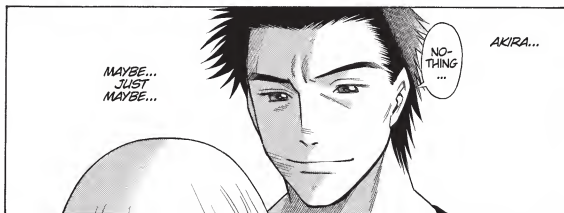
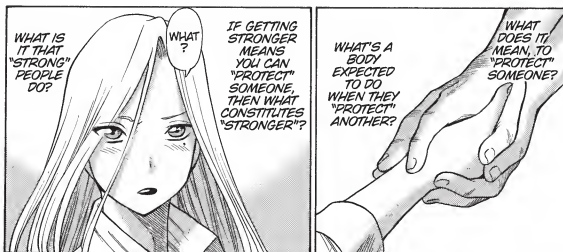
HE IS
MY
WINGS.

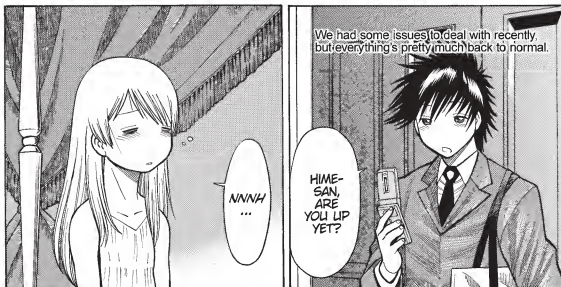
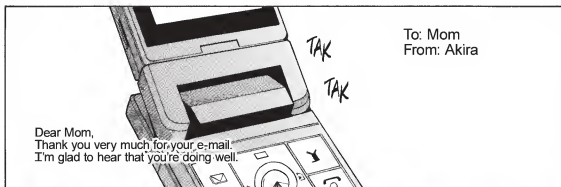


OF
COURSE.
I HARDLY
NEED BE
TOLD
SOME-
THING SO
OBVIOUS.

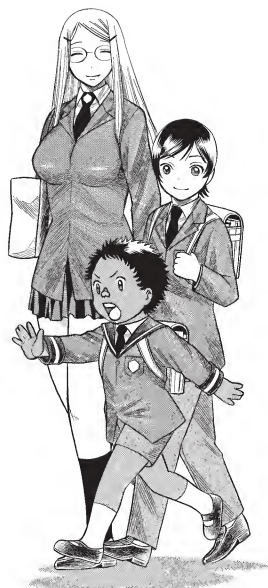
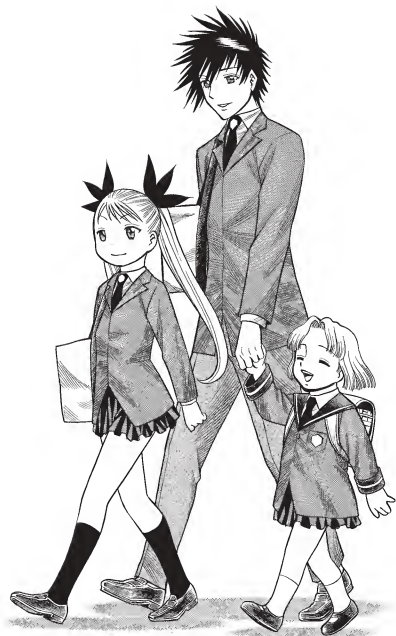


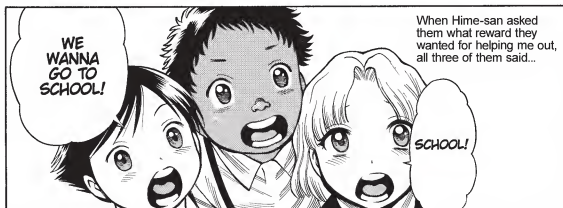
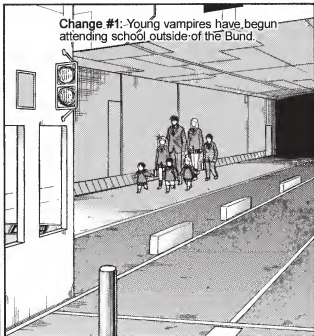


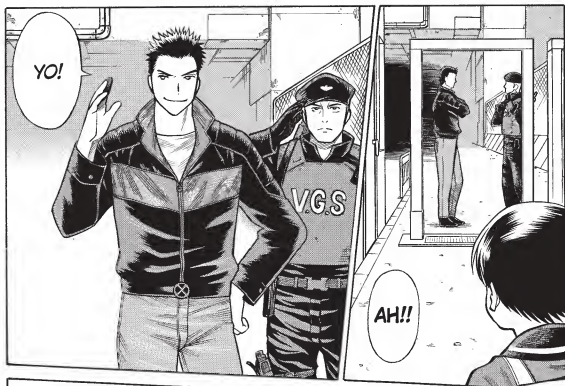




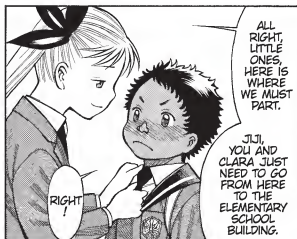
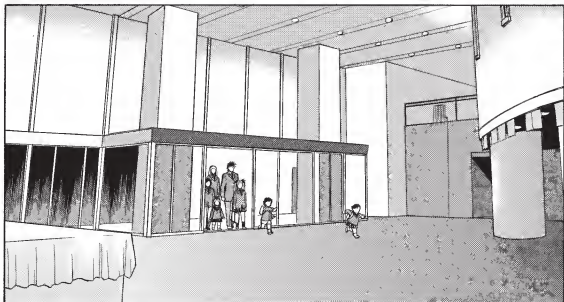
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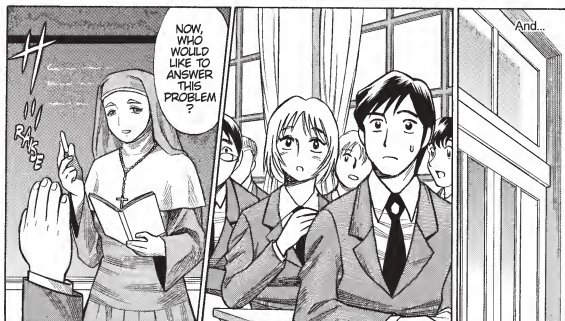
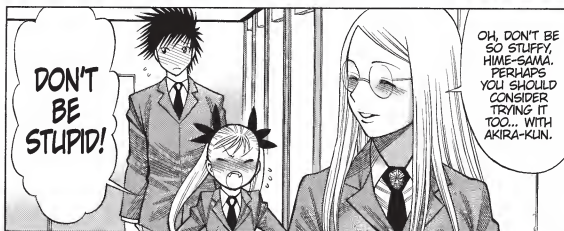
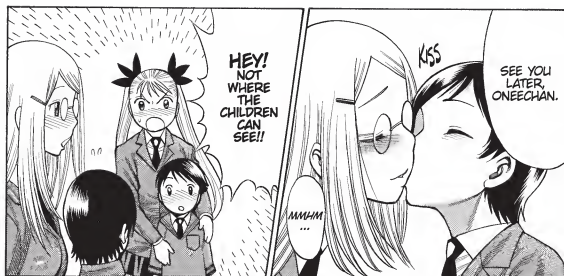


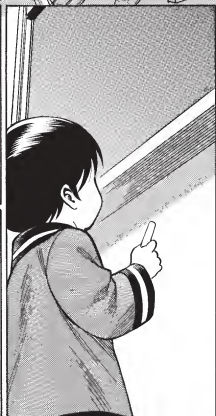
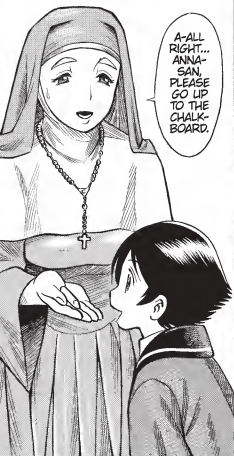








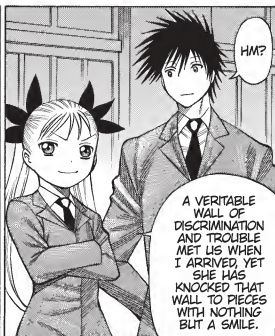








New, friendly relationships are being forged between humans and vampires.

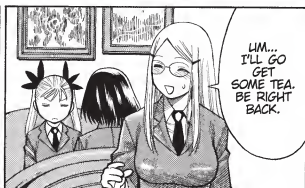
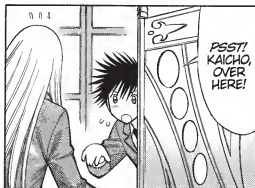
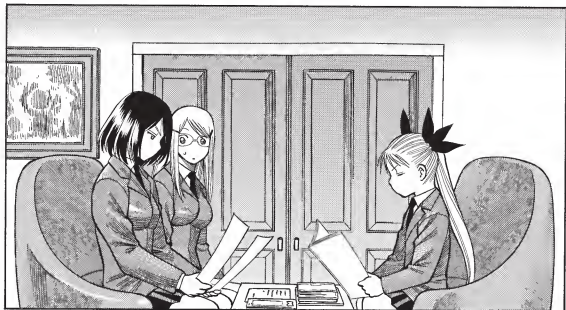
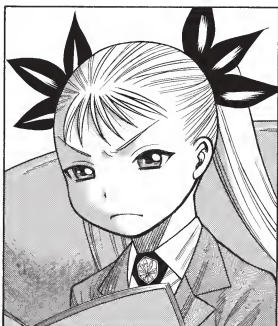


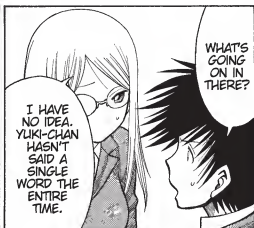
A VERITABLE WALL OF DISCRIMINATION AND TROUBLE MET US WHEN I ARRIVED, YET SHE HAS KNOCKED THAT WALL TO PIECES WITH NOTHING BUT A SMILE.



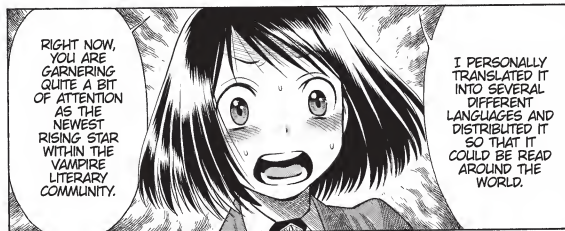
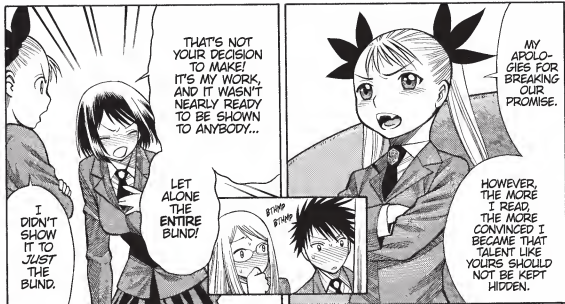
It looks like there is one other tiny—but serious(?)—change happening.















BUT,
UH...
I'VE
GOTTA
ADMIT...

THE CONTENT
WAS KINDA...
CONFUSING.
I'M
PROBABLY
NOT REALLY
IN THE
TARGET
AUDIENCE,
THOUGH...



YEAH...

UM...



IT
WAS
GREAT!

REALLY!
YOU'RE A
TOTALLY
AWESOME
WRITER!

I NEVER
KNEW
YOU WERE
THAT GOOD
AT IT!!



.....



SURE.
COME
ON,
AKIRA-
KUN.

AKIRA.
NANAMI.
WOULD
YOU
PLEASE
GIVE
US A
MOMENT
?

UH...
OKAY.

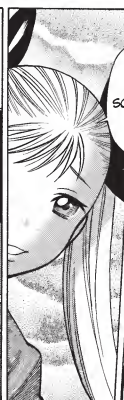


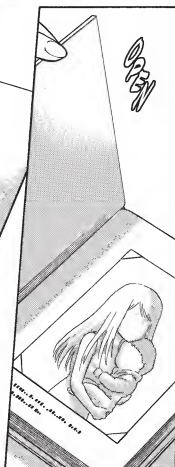
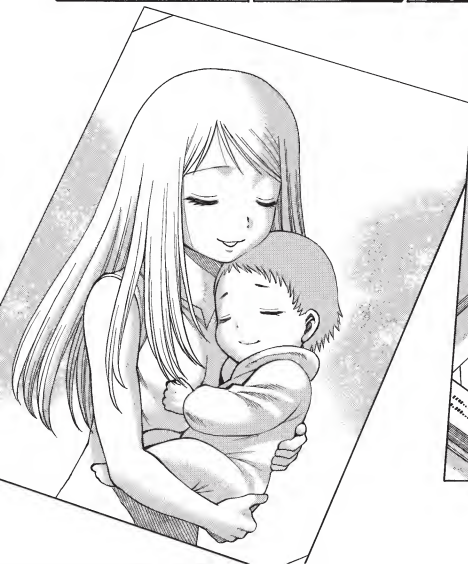
UURK!!

UM...

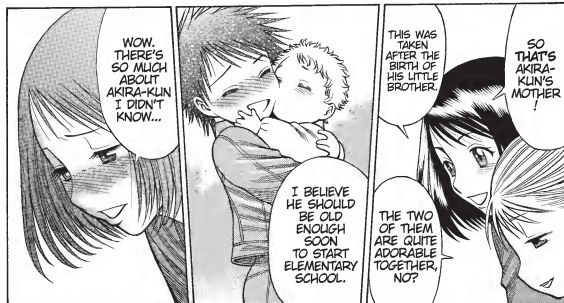
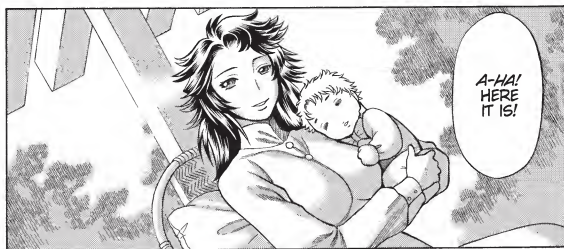
YUKI
...?

WAAA-
AAH!!
JUST
KILL
ME
NOW!!!

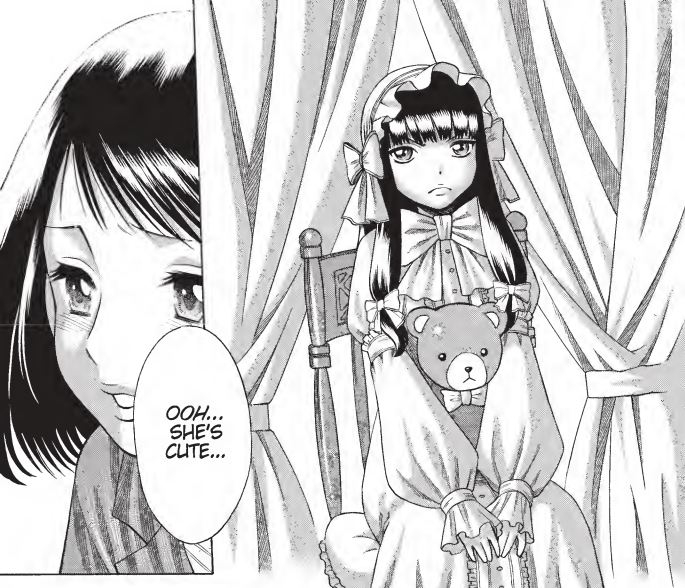












OOH...
SHE'S
CUTE...



WHISPER
WHISPER



HEE
HEE.

BUT
WHAT'S
HER
PICTURE
DOING IN
HERE...?



AND THE
SULLEN
LOOK ON
HER FACE
JUST
MAKES IT
MORE
SO.



KYAAAAA!!

YES.

THE PROOF IS RIGHT HERE.



WHAT?!
THAT'S AKIRA-KUN?!!



SO THAT'S AKIRA-KUN...



.....



HEE HEE!
BUT WHY?

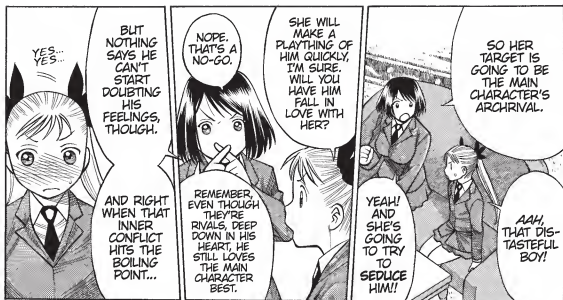
IT IS AN ANCIENT JAPANESE CUSTOM. ILLUSTRIOUS FAMILIES WOULD DRESS THEIR HEIRS AS GIRLS IN ORDER TO "HIDE" THEM FROM EVIL SPIRITS AND TO KEEP THEM FROM SUCCUMBING TO ILLNESS OR ACCIDENT.

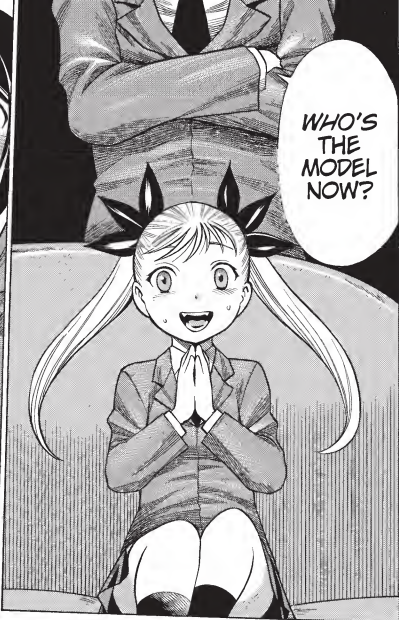
THEY ALSO DID THINGS LIKE RECORDING THE ELDEST AS "SECOND-ELDEST," AND SO ON.



IT'S SAID THE HEIRS SPENT THE FIRST SEVERAL YEARS OF THEIR LIVES RAISED AS GIRLS.

!
WOW! LIKE INUZUKA SHINO IN SATOMI HAKKENDEN!





WHO'S
THE
MODEL
NOW?



I'D LOVE
TO HEAR
ALL THE
DETAILS.

YOU TWO
SOUND
LIKE YOU'RE
HAVING A
REALLY
INTERESTING
CONVERSATION
IN HERE.

TH—TH—TH
RUMMMMMBLE



HEY !!

WHAT?!
YOU WON'T
WRITE
IT?!



THIS IS
JUST AN
IDEA
SO FAR!

I-IT'S
NOT
WHAT
YOU'RE
THINKING,
AKIRA-
KUN!

THAT'S
ALL!
AN
IDEA!



BL IS
NOT SMUT!
JUST HOW
IGNORANT
ARE YOU?!

WHAT'S
"BL"
SUPPOSED
TO MEAN?!
STOP
USING
CODES
WITH ME!



"HARM-
LESS"?
"INNO-
CENT"?!
YOU'VE
GOTTA
BE
KIDDING
ME!!

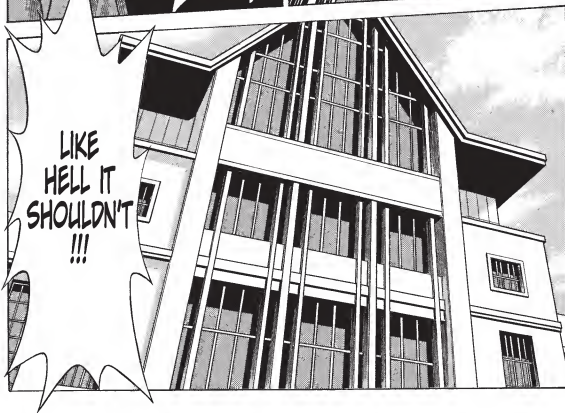
YOU GUYS
WERE
TRYING TO
USE ME
IN SOME
STUPID
SMUT
PIECE!!

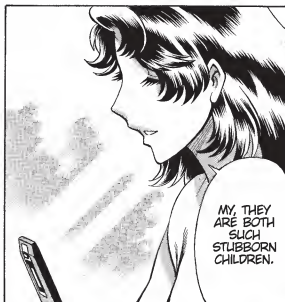
AKIRA!
HOW
DARE YOU
TRY AND
SQUELCH A
HARMLESS,
INNOCENT
CREATIVE
ENDEAVOR!!



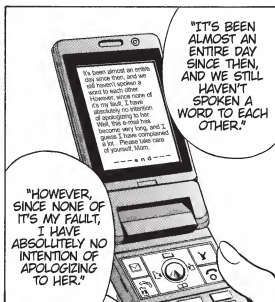
WHAT
IS IT,
THEN?!

ALL
RIGHT.
SO IF
THAT
STUFF
ISN'T
SMUT...



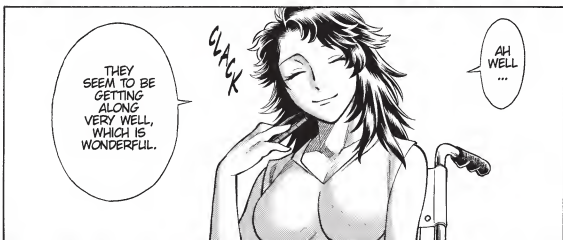


MY, THEY
ARE BOTH
SUCH
STUBBORN
CHILDREN.



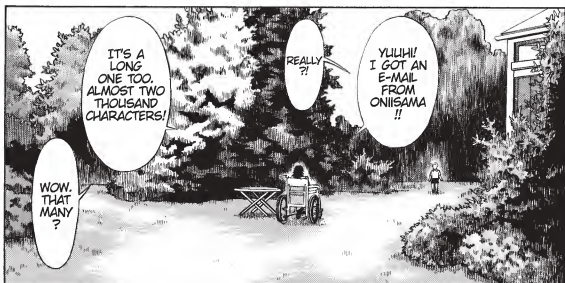
"IT'S BEEN
ALMOST AN
ENTIRE DAY
SINCE THEN,
AND WE STILL
HAVEN'T
SPOKEN A
WORD TO EACH
OTHER."

"HOWEVER,
SINCE NONE OF
IT'S MY FAULT,
I HAVE
ABSOLUTELY NO
INTENTION OF
APOLOGIZING
TO HER."



THEY
SEEM TO BE
GETTING
ALONG
VERY WELL,
WHICH IS
WONDERFUL.

AH
WELL
...



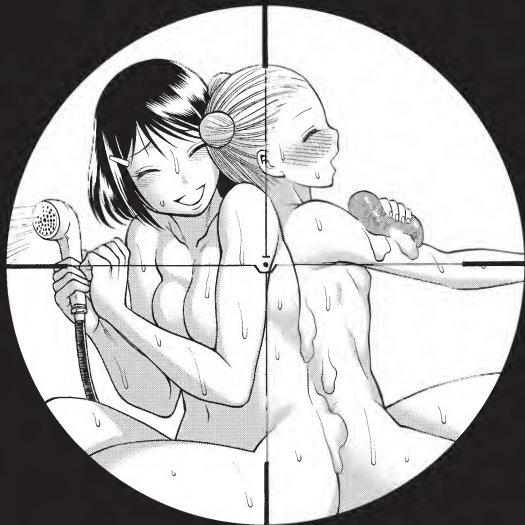
IT'S A
LONG
ONE TOO.
ALMOST TWO
THOUSAND
CHARACTERS!

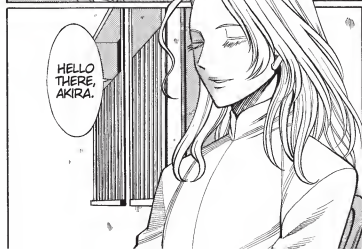
WOW.
THAT
MANY
?

REALLY
?!

YUUIHI!
I GOT AN
E-MAIL
FROM
ONIISAMA
!!

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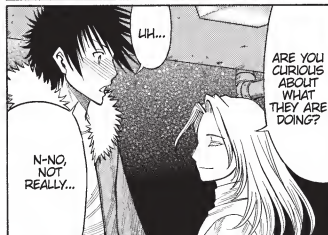


OF COURSE.
IT'S BRAILLE.



HEY,
KAMIL.
YOU'RE
READING
IN THE
DARK?

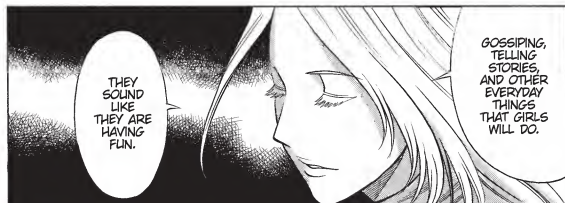
WAIT,
YOU
CAN
READ
?



UH...

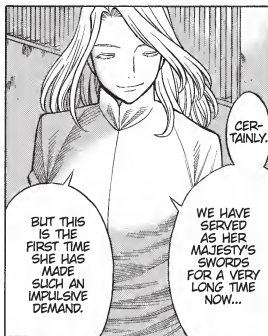
N-NO,
NOT
REALLY...

ARE YOU
CURIOUS
ABOUT
WHAT
THEY ARE
DOING?



THEY
SOUND
LIKE
THEY ARE
HAVING
FUN.

GOSSIPING,
TELLING
STORIES,
AND OTHER
EVERYDAY
THINGS
THAT GIRLS
WILL DO.



CERTAINLY.

BUT THIS IS THE FIRST TIME SHE HAS MADE SUCH AN IMPULSIVE DEMAND.

WE HAVE SERVED AS HER MAJESTY'S SWORDS FOR A VERY LONG TIME NOW...

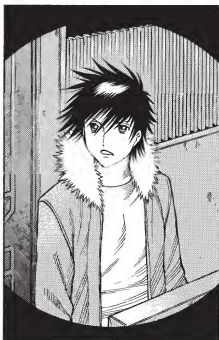


WHIPPING UP A SECURITY DETAIL ON SUCH SHORT NOTICE IS A TOTAL PAIN!

GOD. I JUST WISH SHE'D GIVEN US A LITTLE WARNING BEFORE SHE DECIDED TO GO TO A SLEEP-OVER!



IT IS ALSO THE FIRST TIME SHE HAS EVER LAUGHED AND ENJOYED HERSELF SO MUCH.



YES, HE IS STATIONED IN A SPOT WHERE HE CAN SURVEY THE ENTIRE AREA AROUND THIS APARTMENT COMPLEX.

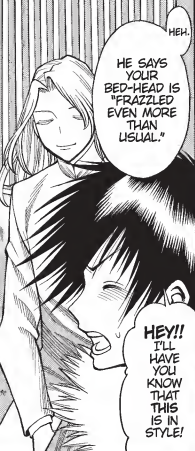


OH, HEY, IS JUNTE-SAN AROUND?



HEH HEH... SOMEPLACE I DON'T THINK EVEN YOU WILL FIND.

HUH. SO WHERE'S THAT?



HEH.
HE SAYS
YOUR
BED-HEAD IS
"FRAZZLED
EVEN MORE
THAN
USUAL."

HEY!!
I'LL
HAVE
YOU
KNOW
THAT
THIS
IS IN
STYLE!



.....
HUMBLE



LATER!

A-AM
NOT!

SO YOU
ARE
CURIOUS.



WE WILL
NOTICE
ANYONE
WHO
COMES
TOO
CLOSE,
AKIRA.

THE REST
OF OUR
FORCES ARE
DEPLOYED AT
OPTIMAL POINTS.
THERE IS
NOTHING TO
WORRY ABOUT.
GO REST.

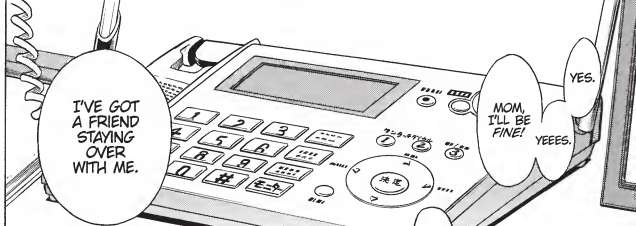


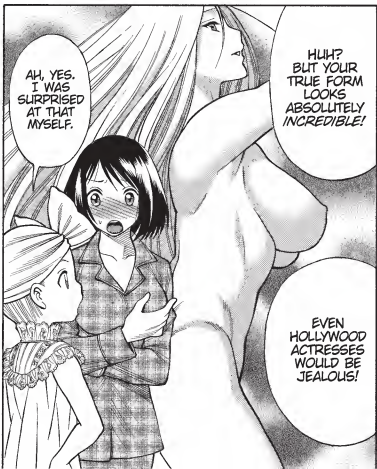
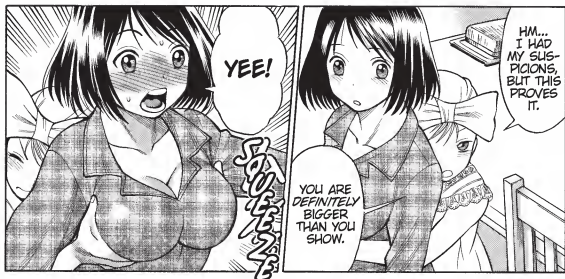
BUT
IT'S SO
EASY.

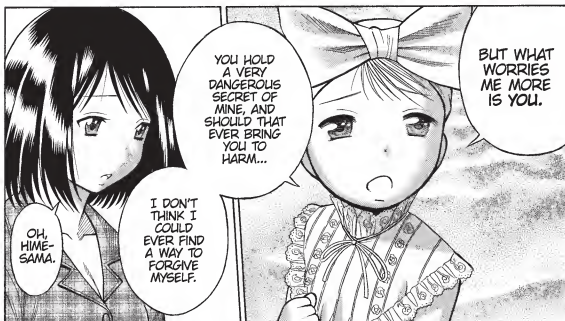
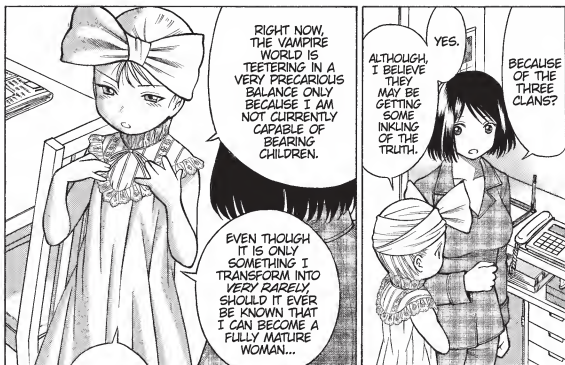
HM...?
DON'T
TEASE
HIM SO
MUCH?

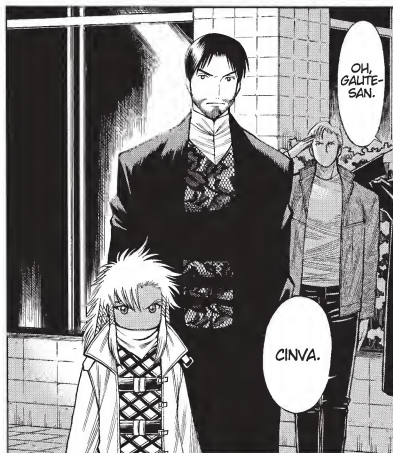


OKAY
...

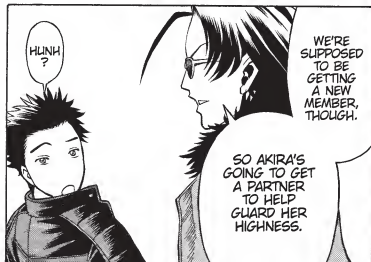


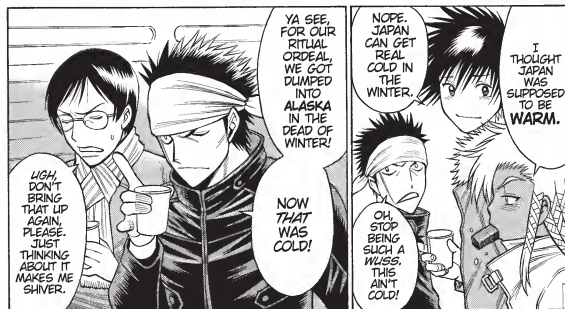




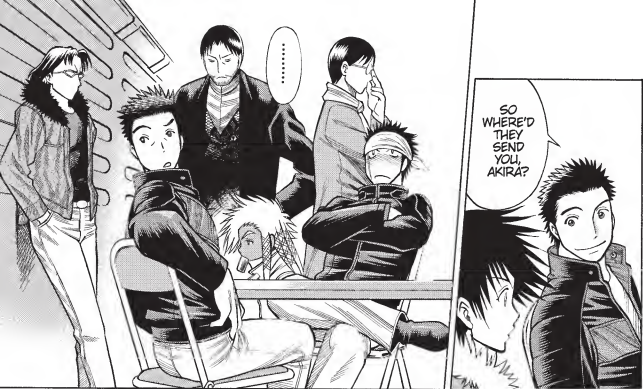










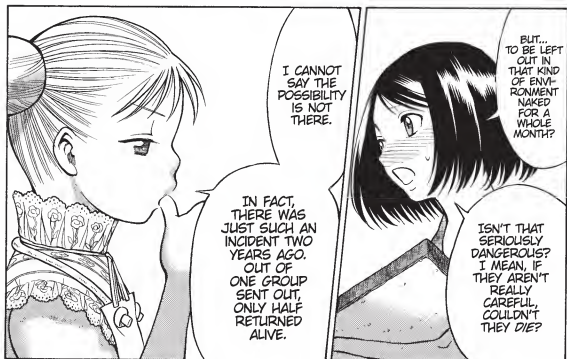


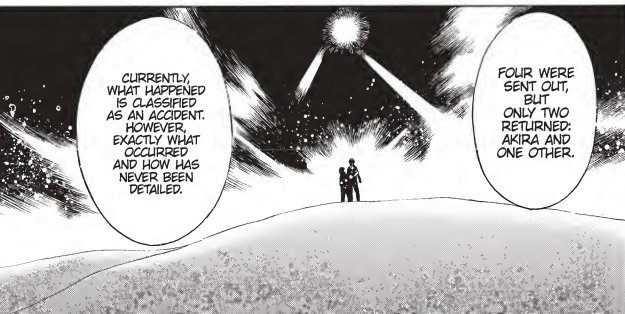
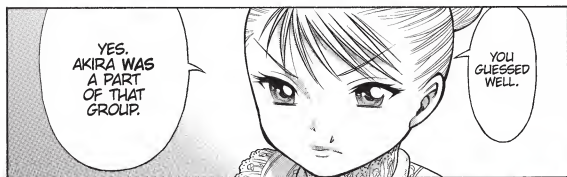
REALLY COLD.

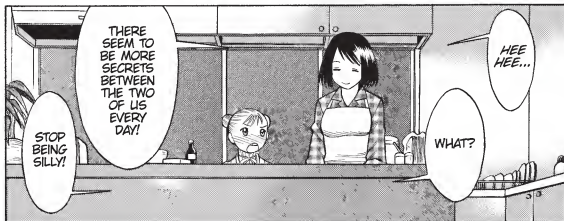
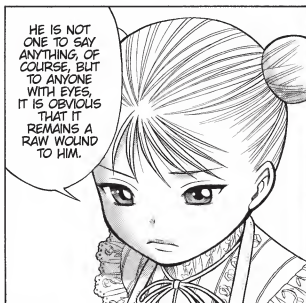
REALLY ...

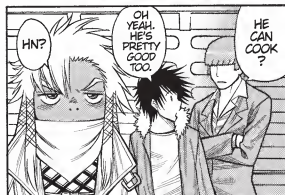
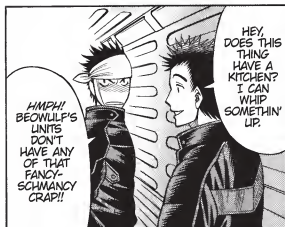
THEY PUT ME IN SIBERIA.

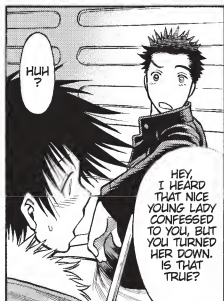
NAH.













BY THE WAY...

IT'S THE FIRST TIME SHE'S TRIED MAKING ANYTHING, SO PLEASE TRY THEM!

SEVERAL OF THOSE SANDWICHES WERE MADE BY HIME-SAMA FOR AKIRA-KUN.



DAMN IT, WHY DOES HE ALWAYS GET THE GOOD STUFF?!

EAT 'EM! EAT 'EM BEFORE HE GETS ANY!!

I THINK THOSE ONES.

THEY'RE NOT FORMED AS WELL.

WHICH ONES DID HER MAJESTY MAKE?! GIVE 'EM HERE!!

W H O A !

H-HEY!

WAIT A SEC, GUYS!!

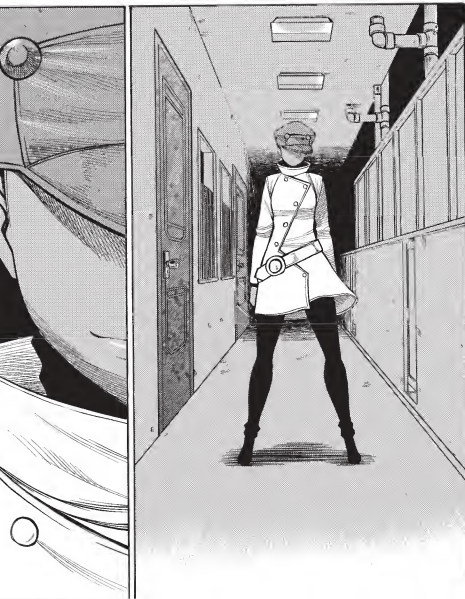
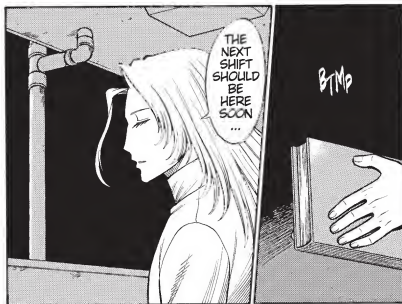


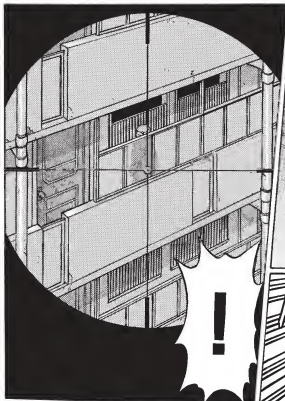
WERE-WOLVES DON'T HANDLE STRONG FLAVORS WELL.

NUNCH

PEP-PERS...

H-HOT...





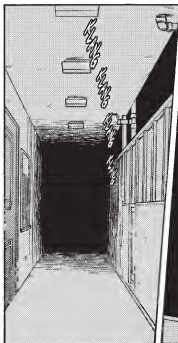
JUNTE,
IT SEEMS
WE
HAVE A
VISITOR...



DID YOU
NOT
NOTICE?





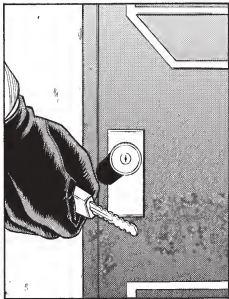
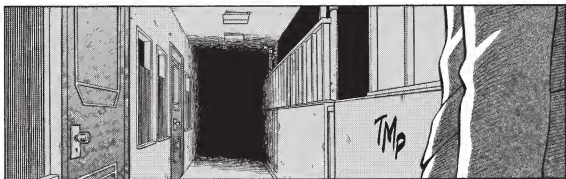


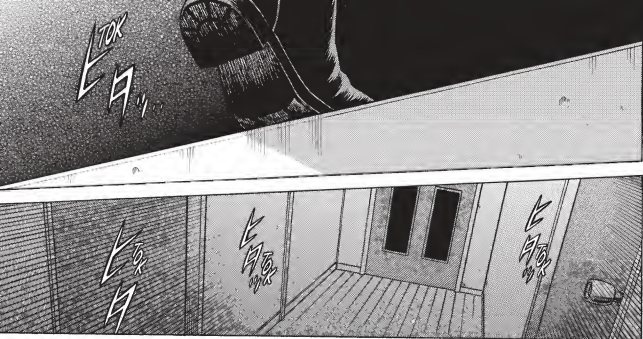
LET'S
GO,
JUNTE.

UNDER-
STOOD.
JOINING
THE
CHASE.

DO
IT.

BUT THAT
WILL LEAVE
THIS PLACE
ENTIRELY
UNDE-
FENDED.







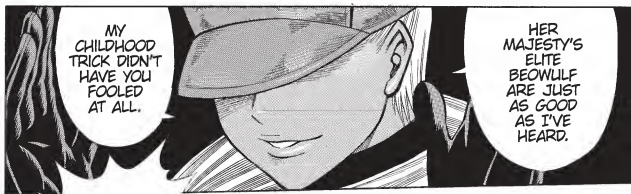
I WANNA
SEE
YOUR
FACE.



BOTH
HANDS
WHERE
I CAN
SEE 'EM!



NOW
USE YOUR
RIGHT
HAND TO
TAKE THAT
HAT OFF.
SLOWLY!

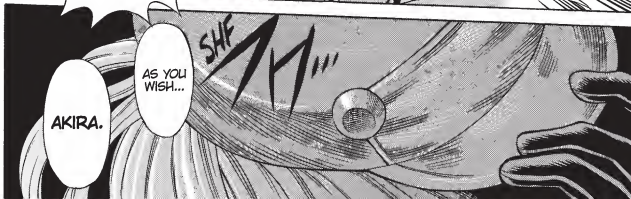


MY
CHILDHOOD
TRICK DIDN'T
HAVE YOU
FOOLED
AT ALL.

HER
MAJESTY'S
ELITE
BEOWULF
ARE JUST
AS GOOD
AS I'VE
HEARD.

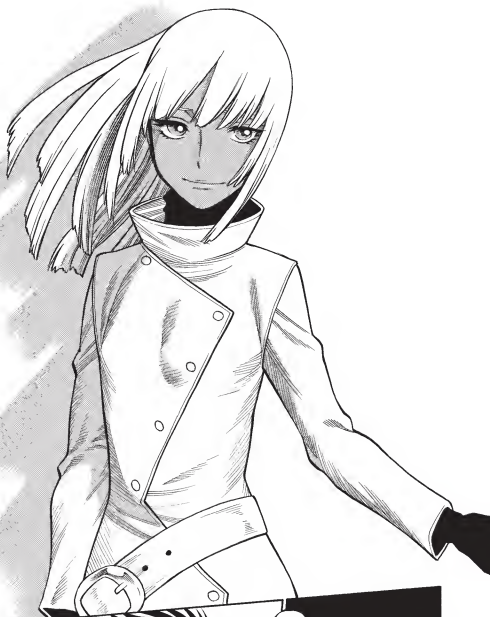


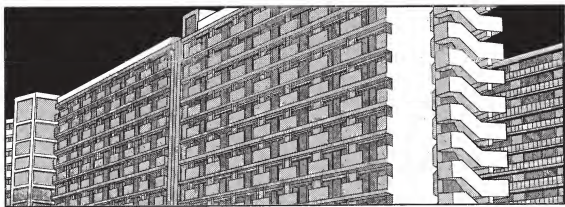
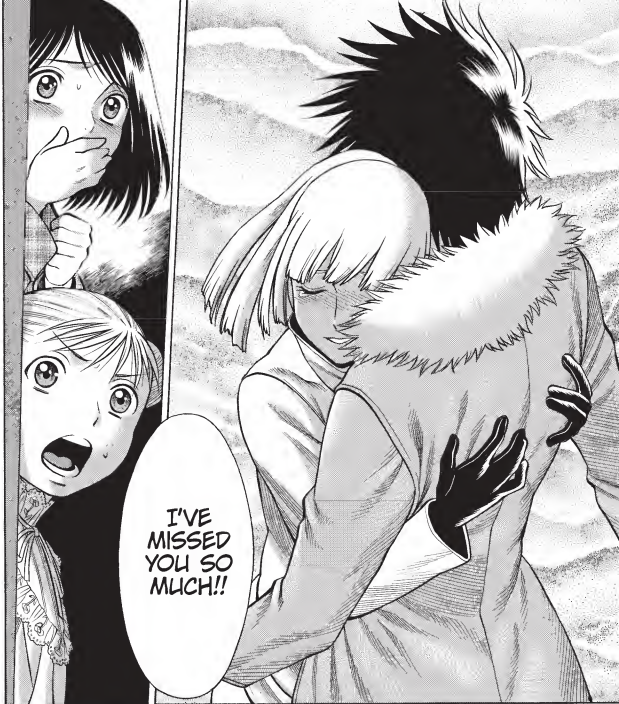
GET
THAT HAT
OFF!
NOW!!



AKIRA.

AS YOU
WISH...

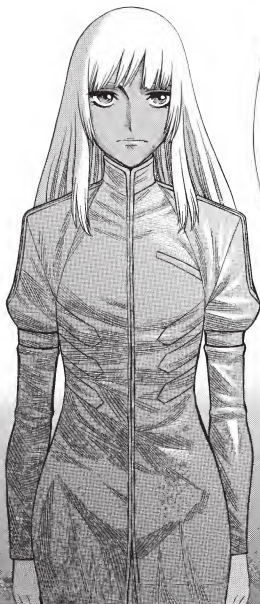


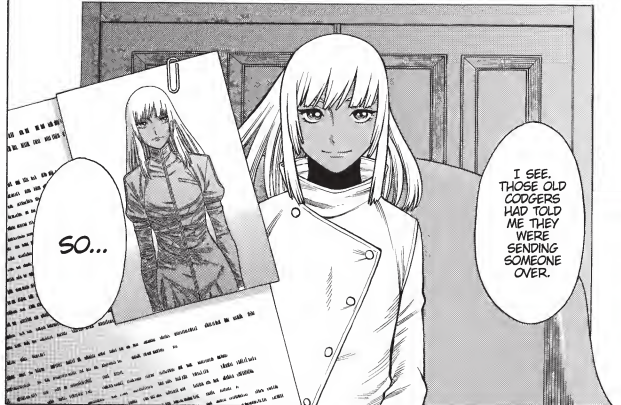


Chapter 35: Marital Vows

CAPTAIN
ANGEL
AVENANT,
17.

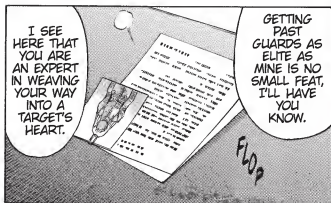
MEMBER
OF THE
BEOWULF
SENATE
OFFICE OF
INVESTIGA-
TIONS.





SO...

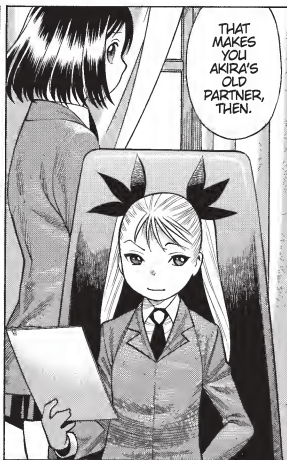
I SEE, THOSE OLD CODGERS HAD TOLD ME THEY WERE SENDING SOMEONE OVER.



I SEE HERE THAT YOU ARE AN EXPERT IN WEAVING YOUR WAY INTO A TARGET'S HEART.

GETTING PAST GUARDS AS ELITE AS MINE IS NO SMALL FEAT, I'LL HAVE YOU KNOW.

FLOP



THAT MAKES YOU AKIRA'S OLD PARTNER, THEN.



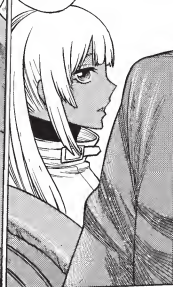
YES, YOUR MAJESTY. THAT'S WHY I WAS OFFERED A POSITION IN YOUR SECURITY FORCES.



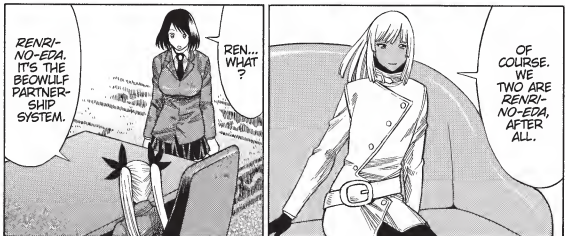
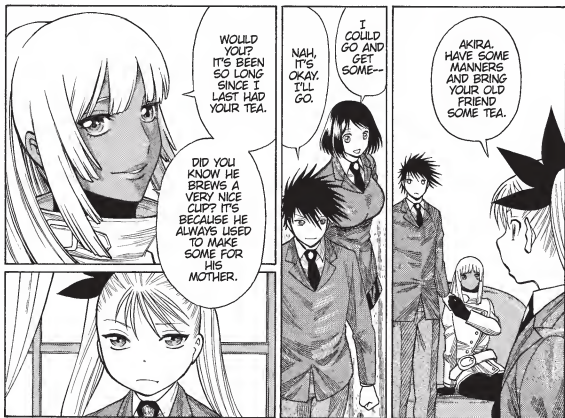
YOU GOT
US MORE
THAN
ONCE IN
TRAINING
WITH THAT
TRICK.

IT'S
SOMETHING
ANGIE'S
ALWAYS
BEEN
INFURIAT-
INGLY
GOOD AT.

COMPLETE
ERASURE
OF ALL
SENSE OR
SIGN OF
PRESENCE.



AND
HERE YOU
MANAGED
TO DO IT
AGAIN.





THE
PARTNERS,
ONCE
JOINED,
NEVER
PART.

LIKE TWO
BRANCHES
WOUND
AROUND
EACH OTHER
AND THEN
GROWN
TOGETHER...



NOW I
REMEMBER!
MATSUO
BASHO
ALSO
WROTE
ABOUT
THAT!

BUT...
THE IMPLI-
CATIONS
OF THAT
PHRASE--



WARRIORS
OF THE
EARTH CLAN
ALWAYS
WORK IN
PAIRS.
ALWAYS.

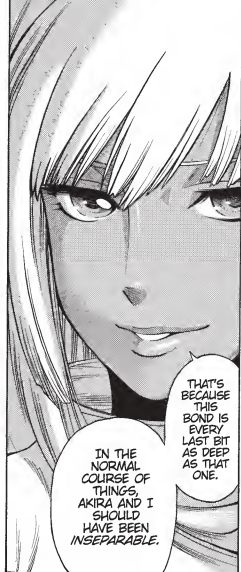
ROMULUS
AND
REMLUS.

LEROY
AND
HEINRICH.

JUNTE
AND
KAMIL.

UPON REACHING
ADULTHOOD,
EACH WARRIOR
IS BOUND TO A
PARTNER, WHO
WILL BE THEIR
OTHER HALF FOR
THE REST OF
THEIR LIVES.

I DON'T KNOW
WHEN IT
STARTED, BUT
THAT BOND CAME
TO BE CALLED
"RENRI-NO-EDA,"
FROM BAI
JUN'S POEM
THE SONG OF
EVERLASTING
SORROW.



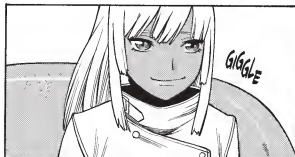
IN THE
NORMAL
COURSE OF
THINGS,
AKIRA AND I
SHOULD
HAVE BEEN
INSEPARABLE.

THAT'S
BECAUSE
THIS
BOND IS
EVERY
LAST BIT
AS DEEP
AS THAT
ONE.



MM-
HMM.

THE
ETERNAL
RELATION-
SHIP
BETWEEN
MAN AND
WOMAN.



GIGGLE



WHAT?



BUT
INSTEAD,
HE IS
WITH
ME.

STRANGE,
HOW
THESE
THINGS
WORK
OUT.



I WAS SLIGHTLY INTIMIDATED AT THE PROSPECT OF MEETING YOU, TRUTH BE TOLD.



NOTHING, YOUR MAJESTY. IT'S JUST... I HAD HEARD YOU WERE A WISE, REGAL VAMPIRE, SEVERAL CENTURIES OLD.



I FIND THAT YOU ARE ACTUALLY VERY... CUTE.

BUT, SITTING HERE...

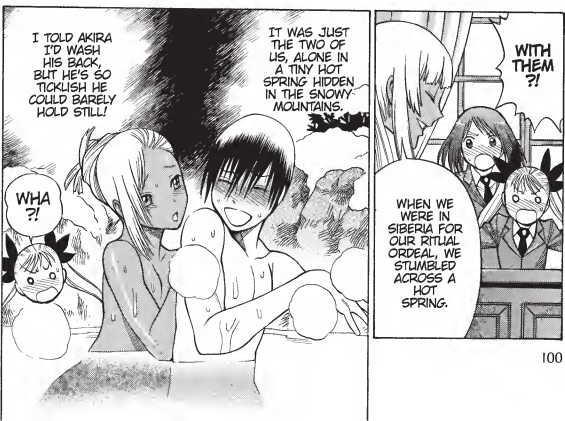
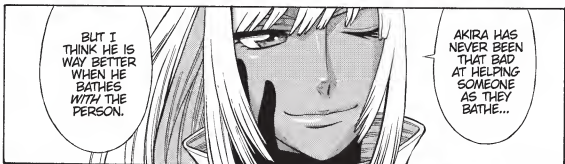
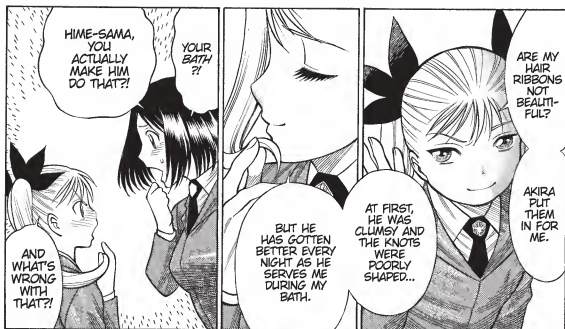


THE TRUE MEASURE OF A BOND BETWEEN PEOPLE IS NOT ITS LENGTH, BUT ITS DEPTH.



AKIRA WAS BORN AND RAISED TO SERVE ME, AND ONLY ME.







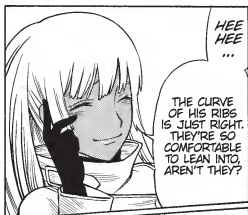
W--
W--
WELL, IF WE ARE SPEAKING OF INTIMATE ENCOUNTERS, THEN I HAVE THE BETTER OF YOU THERE!



N-NAKED
WITH AKIRA-KUN?!

Y-Y- YOU WERE--

HIS ARMS WERE SO STRONG AND MUSCLED, THOUGH. JUST WASHING THEM MADE MY BREATH A LITTLE SHORT.



HEE
HEE
...

THE CURVE OF HIS RIBS IS JUST RIGHT. THEY'RE SO COMFORTABLE TO LEAN INTO, AREN'T THEY?



YES.
YES,
THEY ARE
...

WAIT!
HOW DO YOU KNOW THAT?!

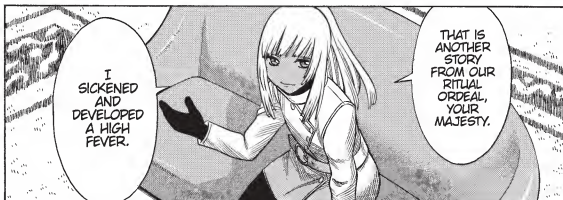


S...
S...
S...

AND HE HOLDS ME VERY TIGHTLY EVERY TIME TOO, JUST LIKE THIS!

BECAUSE I HAVE HIM SLEEP BESIDE ME EVERY NIGHT!

SEE VOLUME 1!
(THE ONLY TIME IT'S ACTUALLY HAPPENED.)



I SICKENED AND DEVELOPED A HIGH FEVER.

THAT IS ANOTHER STORY FROM OUR RITUAL ORDEAL, YOUR MAJESTY.



OH
JEEZ...

THIS
CAN'T
BE
GOOD.

W
H
A
T
?!!

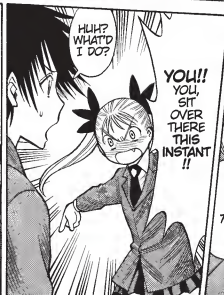
TO KEEP
ME FROM
FREEZING IN
THE FRIGID
WEATHER, HE
HELD ME THE
WHOLE TIME IT
TOOK FOR MY
FEVER TO
BREAK. OF
COURSE, WITH
IT BEING THE
RITUAL ORDEAL
AND ALL...

WE
WERE
NAKED
THE
WHOLE
TIME.



WHAT?
YOU TOO,
YUKI?
CUT ME A
BREAK,
WILL YA?

AKIRA-
KUN,
YOU
LETCHE!



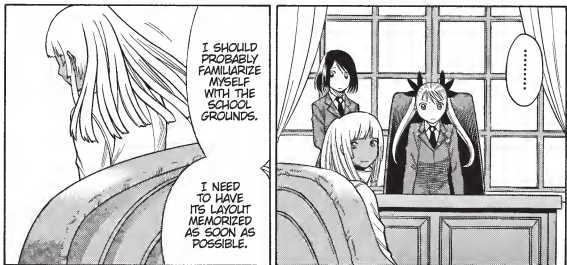
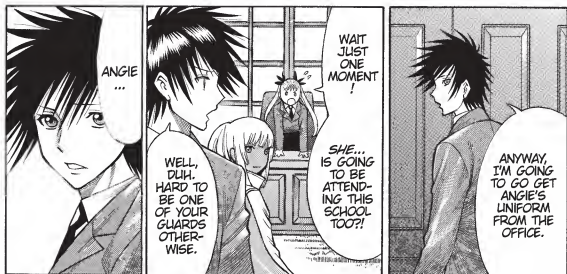
HUH?
WHAT'D
I DO?

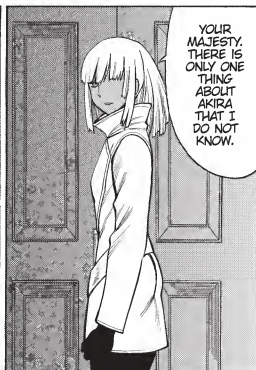
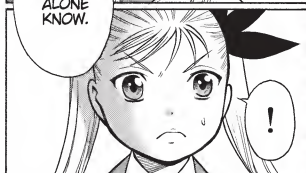
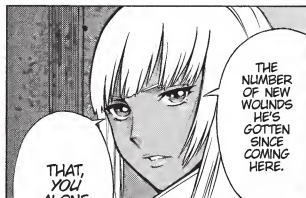
YOU!!
YOU,
SIT
OVER
THERE
THIS
INSTANT
!!



OH,
NO-
THING
...

ANGIE,
WHAT
ARE
YOU
GOING
ON
ABOUT
THIS
TIME?







YOU
CAN'T
EXPECT
ME TO
JUST LET
HIM GET
AWAY!!

NO, YOU
CAN'T!
IF YOU
GET
ANY-
WHERE
NEAR
HIM
NOW--!

I'M
GOING
AFTER
HIM.

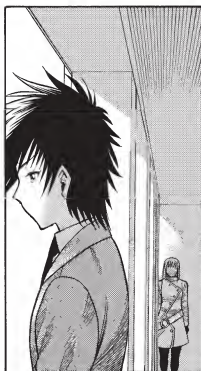
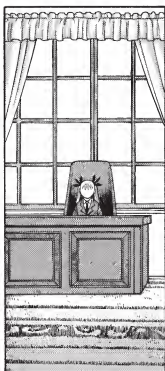


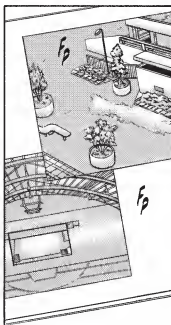
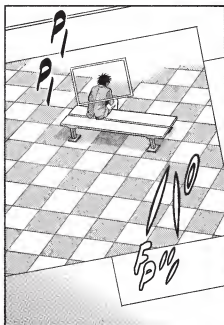
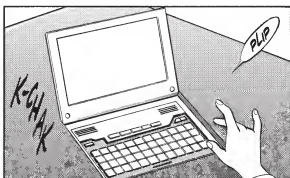
AKIRA!

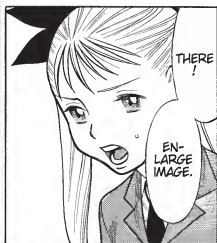
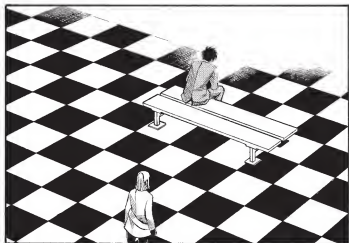
AKIRA,
WAIT!



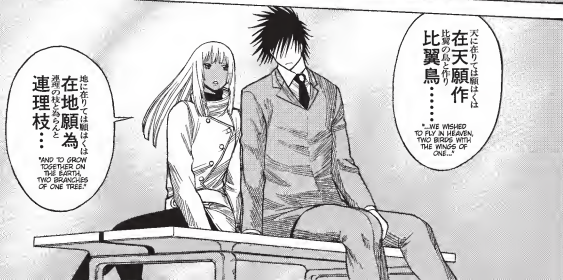
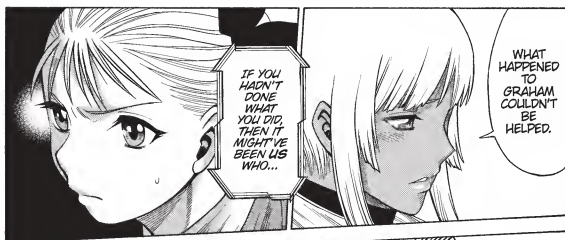
THE NUMBER
OF NEW
WOUNDS HE'S
GOTTEN SINCE
COMING HERE.
THAT, YOU
ALONE KNOW.













I'VE
BEEN SO
LONELY
WITHOUT
YOU.

WEREN'T WE
SUPPOSED
TO BE
TOGETHER
FOREVER...?



I'M
SORRY
...



"THERE'S
NO WAY A
HOT SPRING
COULD BE
HERE
NATURALLY."

"OUR
TRAINERS
HAVE
GOTTA BE
PLAYING
A TRICK
ON US."

HEH.
YEAH.
HE WAS
PRETTY
HARD-
HEADED.



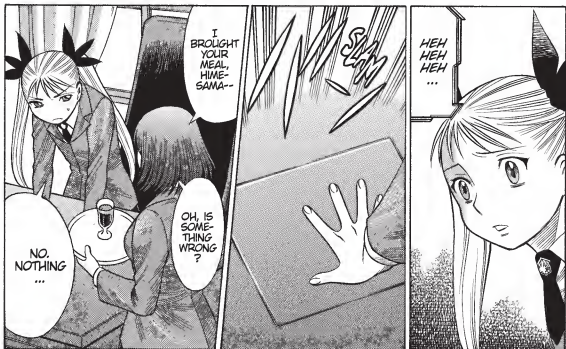
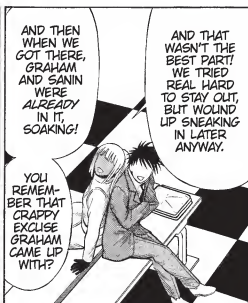
MMH.

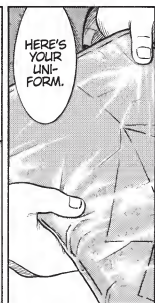


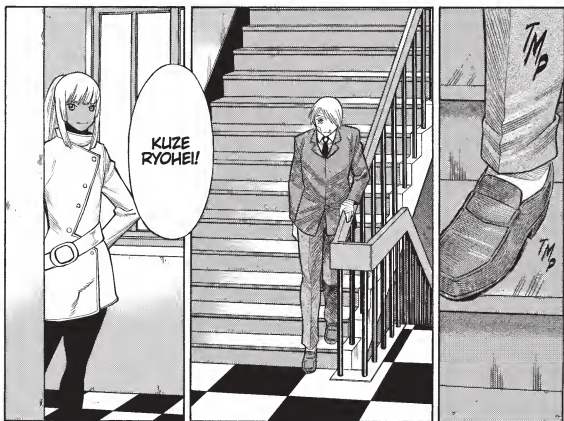
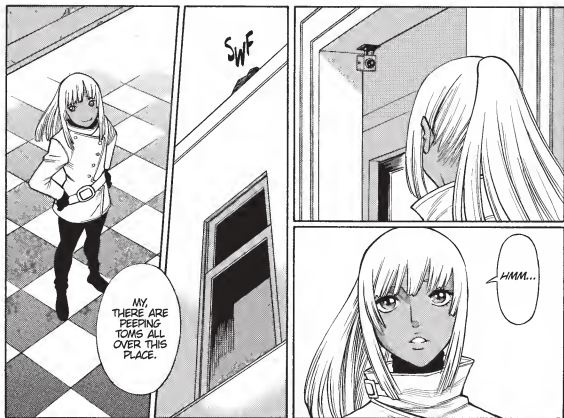
HA
HA
HA!
REMEMBER
THAT TIME
AT THE
HOT
SPRING?

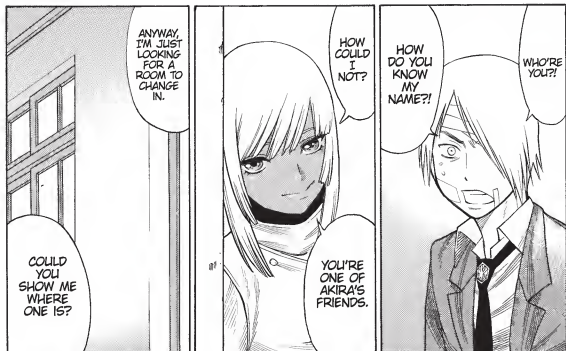
REMEM-
BER
WHAT
GRAHAM
SAID?

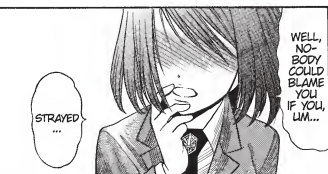
HEY! I
THOUGHT
YOU'D
STARTED
CRYING...







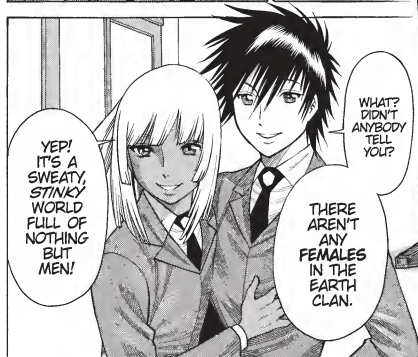






UH-HUH.
YOU
TOTALLY
MISSED
IT.

HOW
DO I
LOOK?
♡



YEP!
IT'S A
SWEATY,
STINKY
WORLD
FULL OF
NOTHING
BUT
MEN!

WHAT?
DIDN'T
ANYBODY
TELL
YOU?

THERE
AREN'T
ANY
FEMALES
IN THE
EARTH
CLAN.



I SURE
THOUGHT
SO.

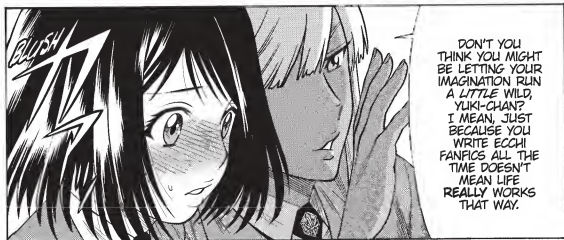
REALLY?
DOESN'T
EVERYBODY
DO IT?

BUT
THAT'S
STILL
WEIRD!



O-OH...
OF
COURSE
...

THAT'S WHY
THERE WASN'T
ANY PROBLEM
WITH US
TAKING BATHS
TOGETHER
OR SLEEPING
NEXT TO
EACH OTHER
NAKED.



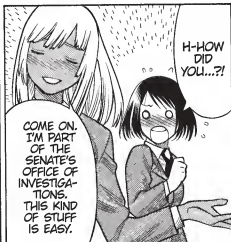
DON'T YOU
THINK YOU MIGHT
BE LETTING YOUR
IMAGINATION RUN
A LITTLE WILD,
YUKI-CHAN?
I MEAN, JUST
BECAUSE YOU
WRITE ECCHI
FANFICS ALL THE
TIME DOESN'T
MEAN LIFE
REALLY WORKS
THAT WAY.



HM?

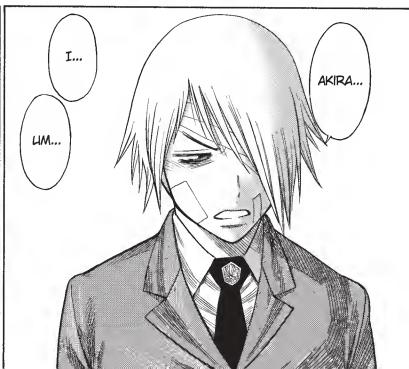
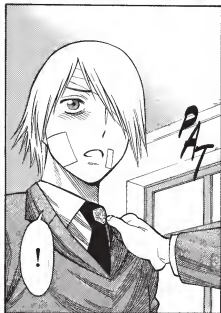
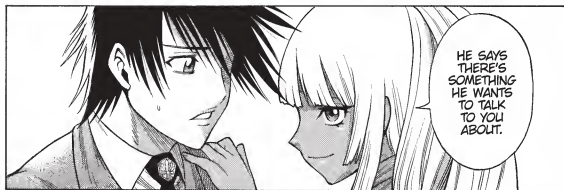
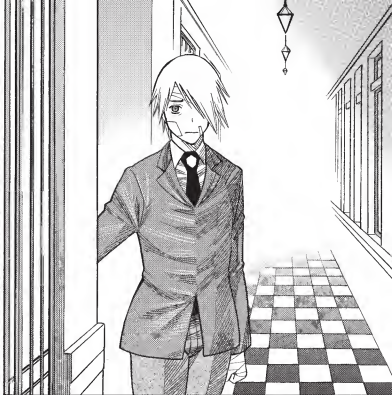
BUT
THAT'S
NOT
WHY I
STOPPED
BY.

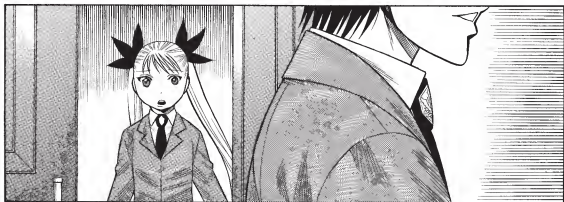
AKIRA,
THERE'S
SOMEONE
I'D LIKE
YOU TO
TALK TO.

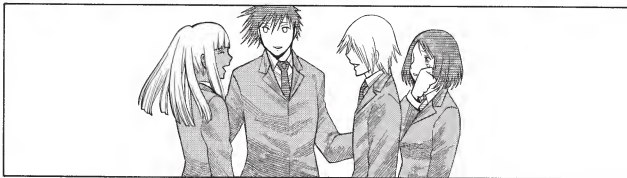
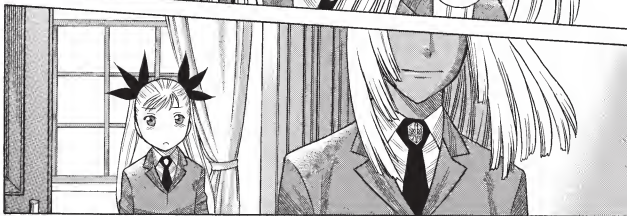
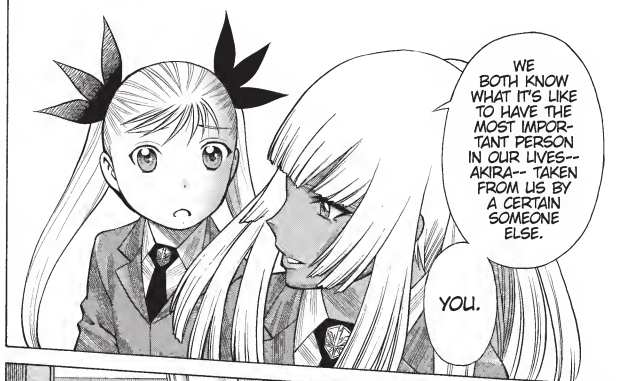


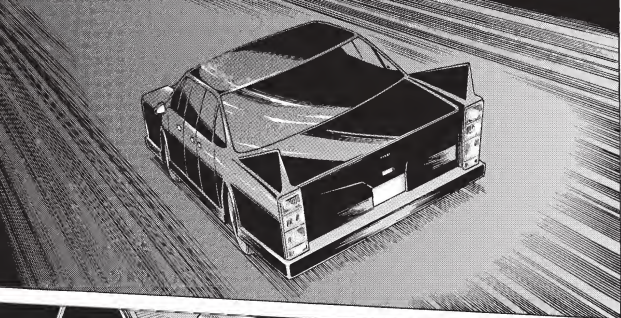
COME ON.
I'M PART
OF THE
SENATE'S
OFFICE OF
INVESTIGA-
TIONS.
THIS KIND
OF STUFF
IS EASY.

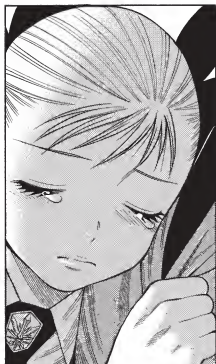
H-HOW
DID
YOU...?!



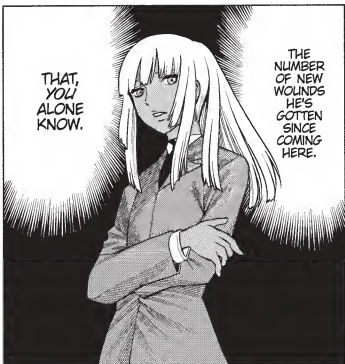








THAT,
YOU
ALONE
KNOW.



THE
NUMBER
OF NEW
WOUNDS
HE'S
GOTTEN
SINCE
COMING
HERE.

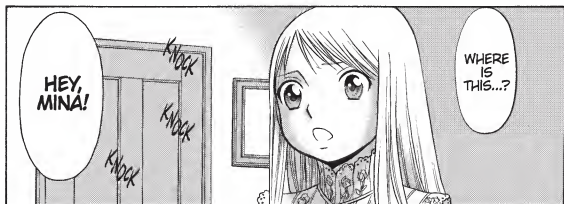
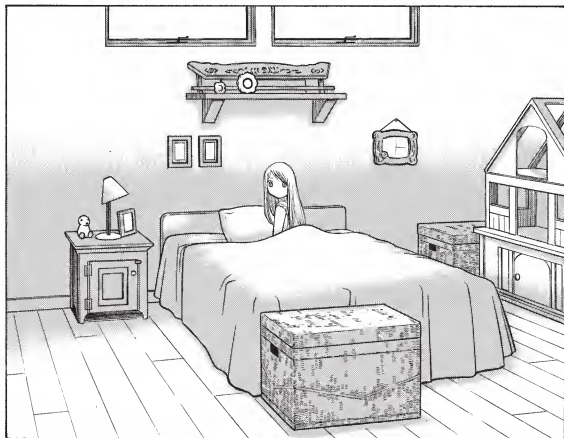
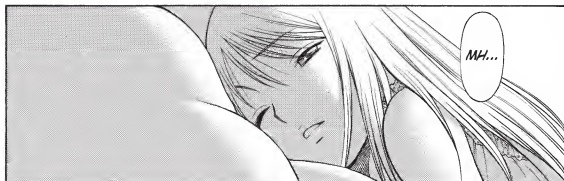


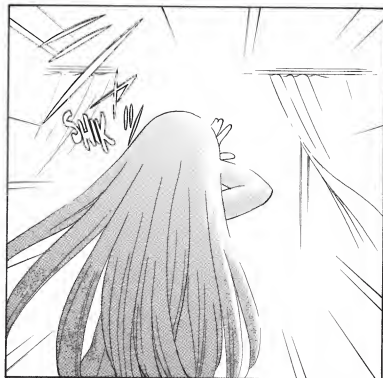
HIME-
SAN...

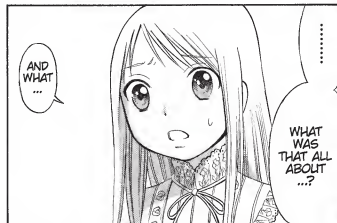
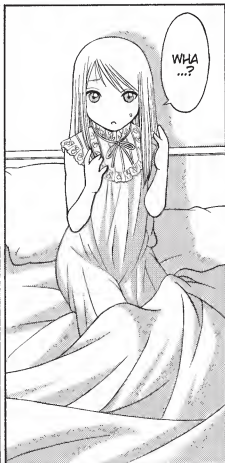
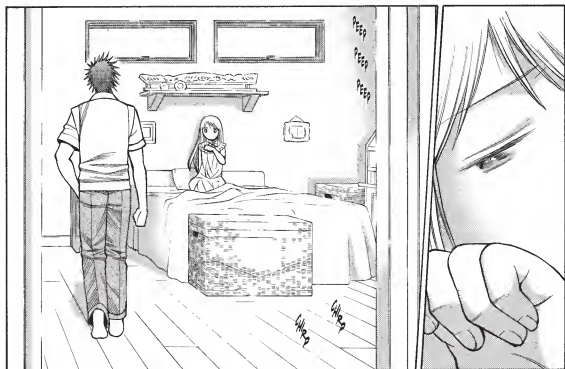
HEY,
YOU STILL
AWAKE,
HIME-SAN?

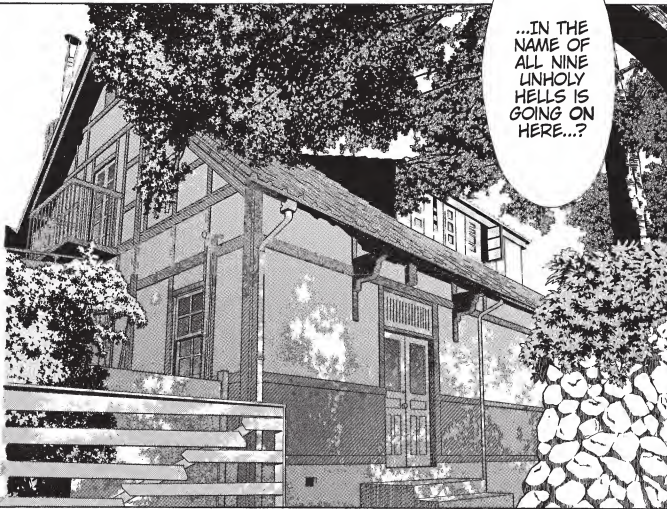


HIME-
SAN?



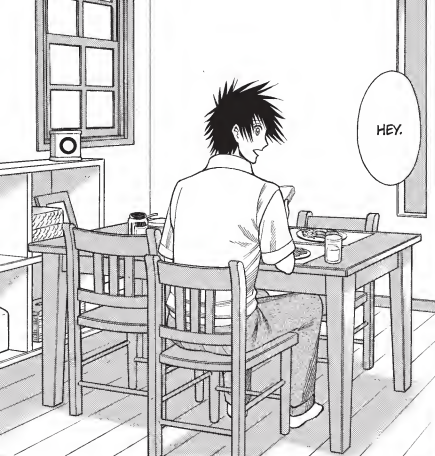




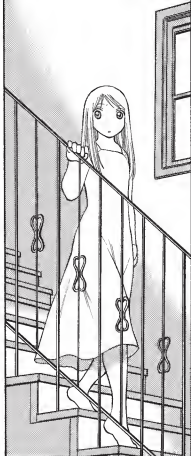


...IN THE
NAME OF
ALL NINE
LINHOLY
HELLS IS
GOING ON
HERE...?

Chapter 36: Passion Play



HEY.



ANYWAY,
SIT DOWN
AND EAT.
BREAK-
FAST IS
GETTING
COLD.

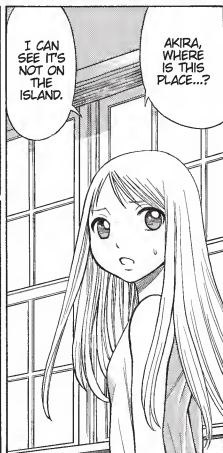
ISLAND?
YOU SURE
YOU'RE
AWAKE
YET?



NO.
WHY
SHOULD
IT
BE?

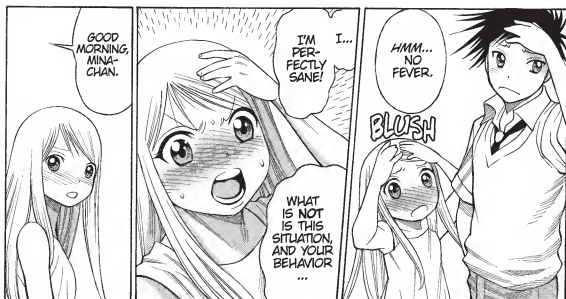
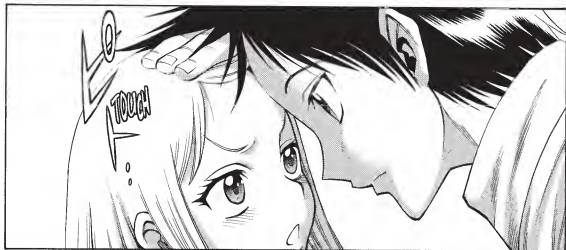
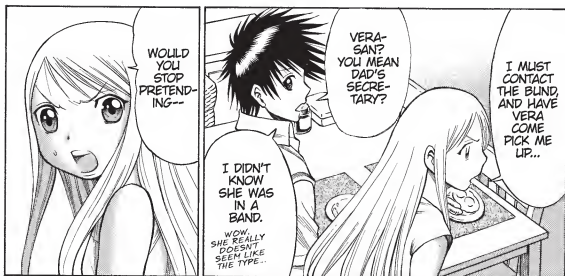


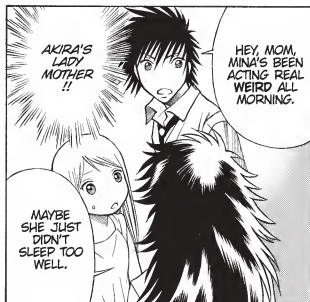
.....
IS THIS
NOT
STRANGE
TO YOU
AT ALL?!

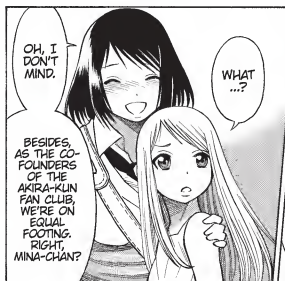
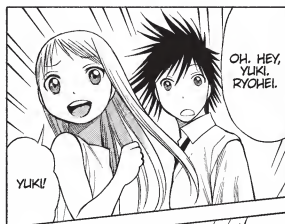


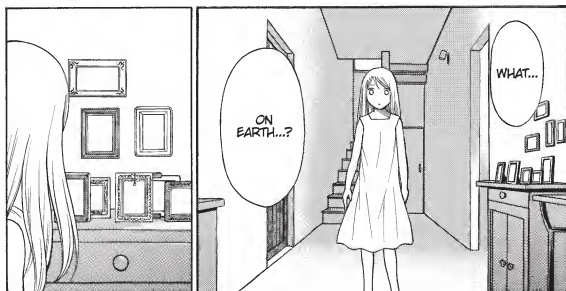
I CAN
SEE IT'S
NOT ON
THE
ISLAND.

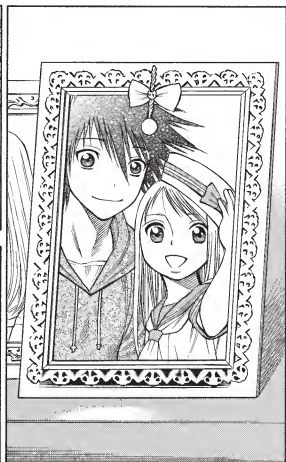
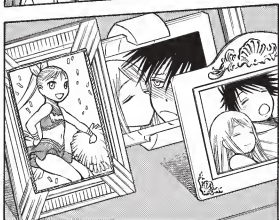
AKIRA,
WHERE
IS THIS
PLACE...?







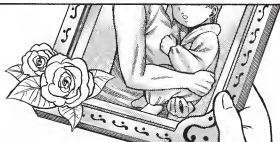


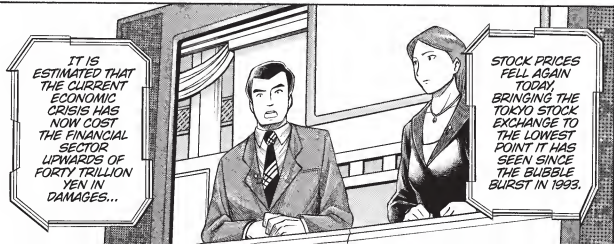
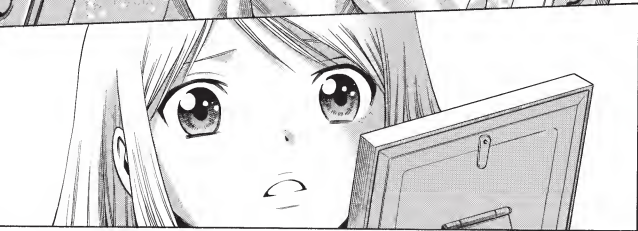
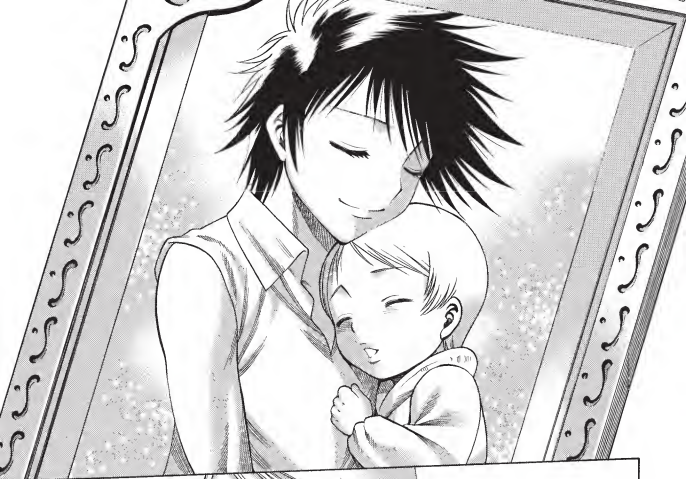


TIME GOES
BY SO FAST,
DOESN'T IT?
WHEN WE
FIRST TOOK
YOU IN...

PICTURES
...?

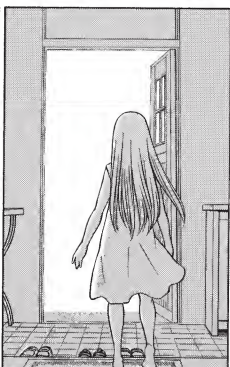
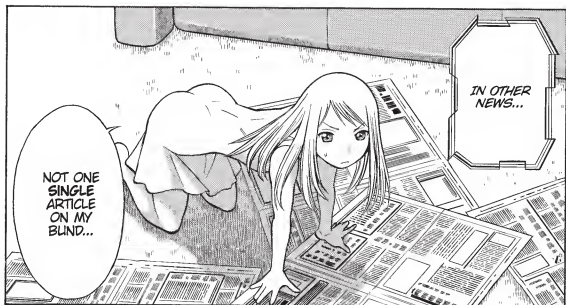
YOU
WERE STILL
JUST A
TEENY-TINY
BABY.

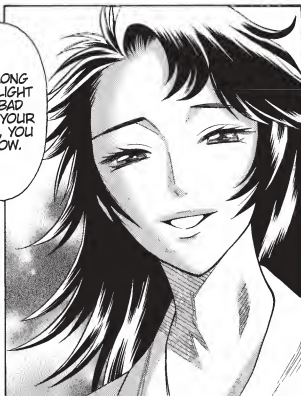
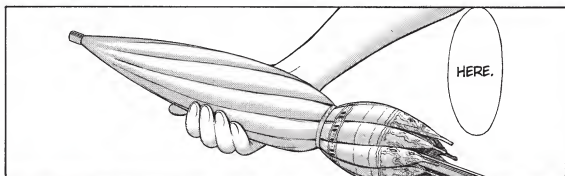
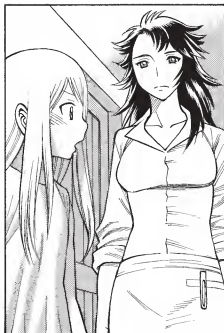


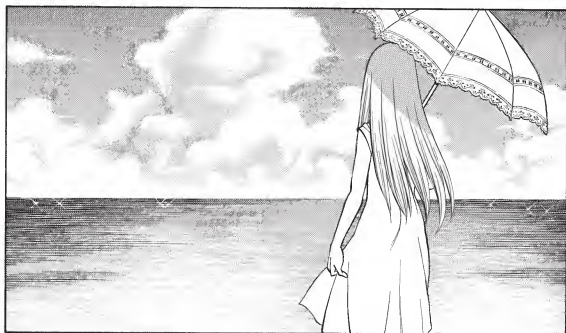
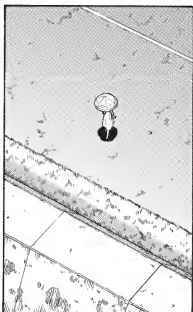
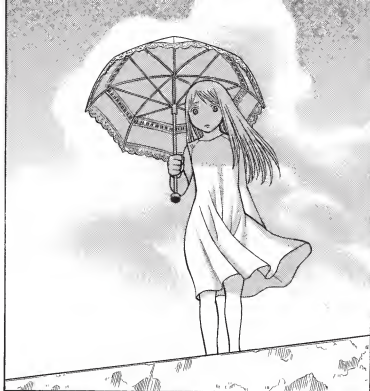


IT IS
ESTIMATED THAT
THE CURRENT
ECONOMIC
CRISIS HAS
NOW COST
THE FINANCIAL
SECTOR
UPWARDS OF
FORTY TRILLION
YEN IN
DAMAGES...

STOCK PRICES
FELL AGAIN
TODAY,
BRINGING THE
TOKYO STOCK
EXCHANGE TO
THE LOWEST
POINT IT HAS
SEEN SINCE
THE BUBBLE
BURST IN 1993.

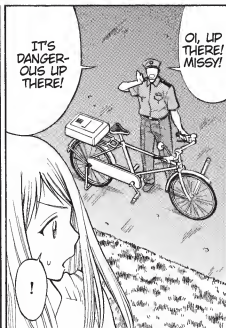


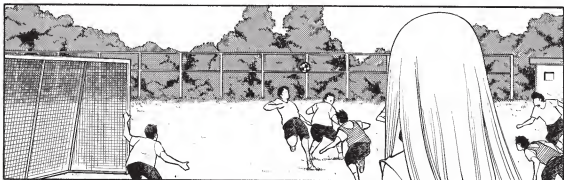
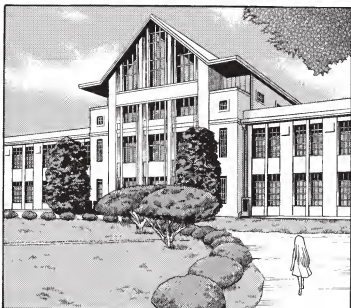
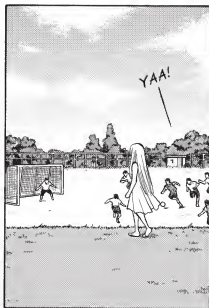
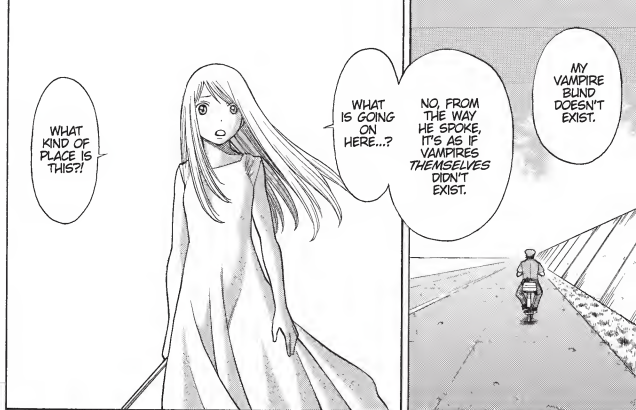




MY BUND
ISN'T
THERE...

NOTHING
...

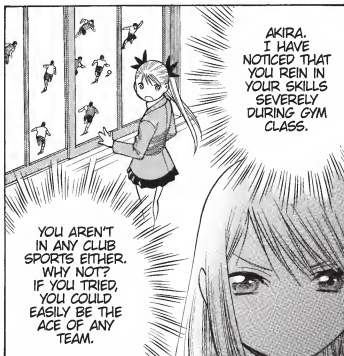






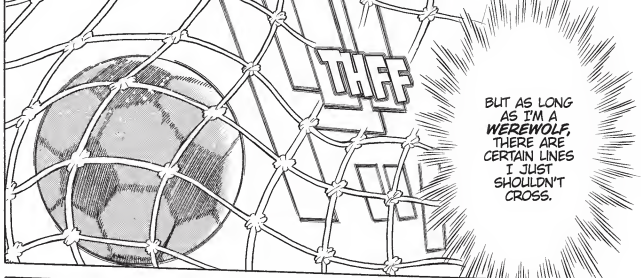
IT'S NOT
EXACTLY
CHEATING,
PER SE...

YEAH,
I KNOW.
BUT DON'T
YOU THINK
THAT'D BE
LIKE
ENTERING AN
F1 RACER IN
THE LOCAL
GO-KART
RACE?



AKIRA.
I HAVE
NOTICED THAT
YOU REIN IN
YOUR SKILLS
SEVERELY
DURING GYM
CLASS.

YOU AREN'T
IN ANY CLUB
SPORTS EITHER.
WHY NOT?
IF YOU TRIED,
YOU COULD
EASILY BE THE
ACE OF ANY
TEAM.



BUT AS LONG
AS I'M A
WEREWOLF,
THERE ARE
CERTAIN LINES
I JUST
SHOULDN'T
CROSS.



YEAH!

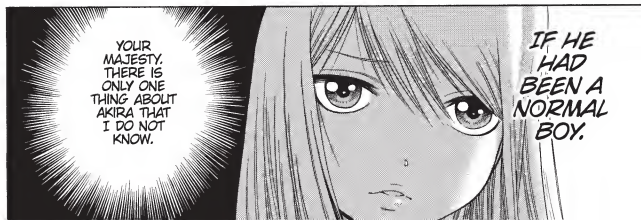
WAY
TO GO
AKIRA!

YESSS!!



JUST
LIKE HE
WOULD...

HE'S
SMILING,
SMILING
AND
LOOKING
LIKE HE'S
ENJOYING
HIMSELF.



YOUR
MAJESTY,
THERE IS
ONLY ONE
THING ABOUT
AKIRA THAT
I DO NOT
KNOW.

IF HE
HAD
BEEN A
NORMAL
BOY.

THIS WORLD
HAS GIVEN YOU
EVERYTHING
THAT YOU
SHOULD HAVE
HAD BY
RIGHTS.

YOU HAVE
EVERYTHING
HERE,
DON'T YOU?

THE
NUMBER
OF NEW
WOUNDS
HE'S
GOTTEN
SINCE
COMING
HERE.

THAT I
STOLE
FROM
YOU.

EVERY-
THING...

THAT,
YOU
ALONE
KNOW.

GETTING...

I WISH
TO STAY
BY AKIRA'S
SIDE AS
NOTHING
MORE
THAN A
NORMAL,
HUMAN
GIRL.

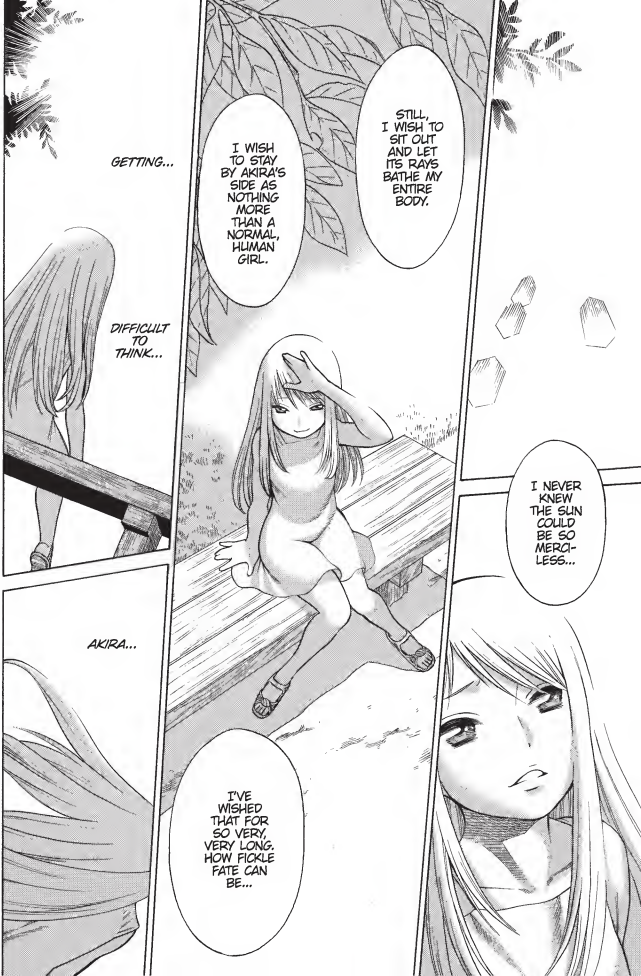
STILL,
I WISH TO
SIT OUT
AND LET
IT'S RAYS
BATHE MY
ENTIRE
BODY.

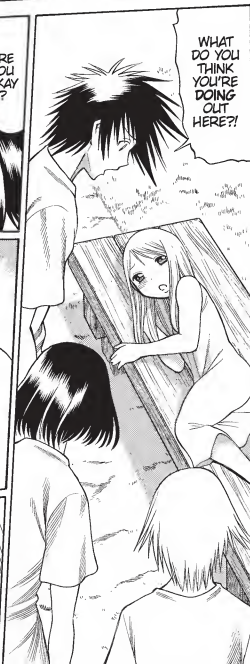
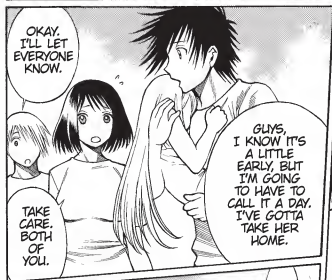
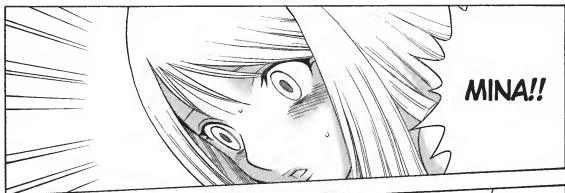
DIFFICULT
TO
THINK...

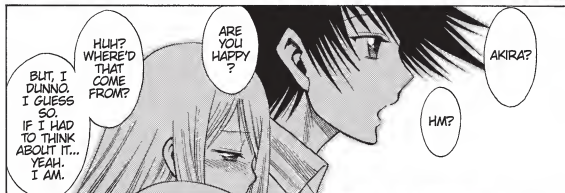
I NEVER
KNEW
THE SUN
COULD
BE SO
MERCI-
LESS...

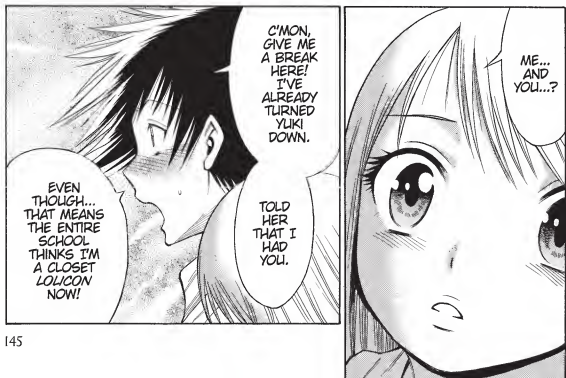
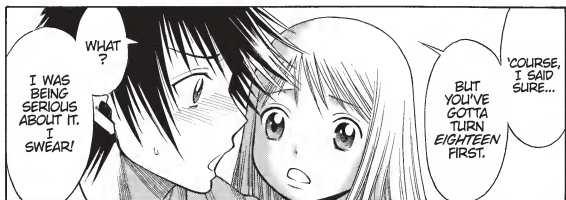
AKIRA...

I'VE
WISHED
THAT FOR
SO VERY,
VERY LONG.
HOW FICKE
FATE CAN
BE...

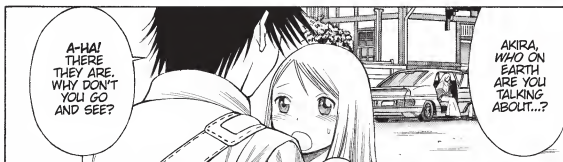


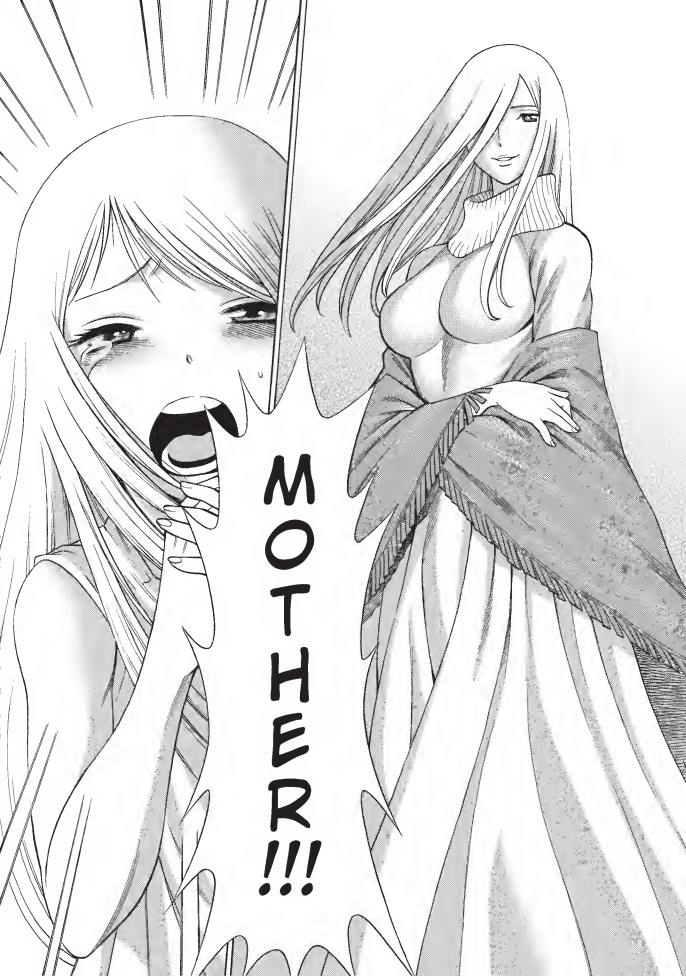




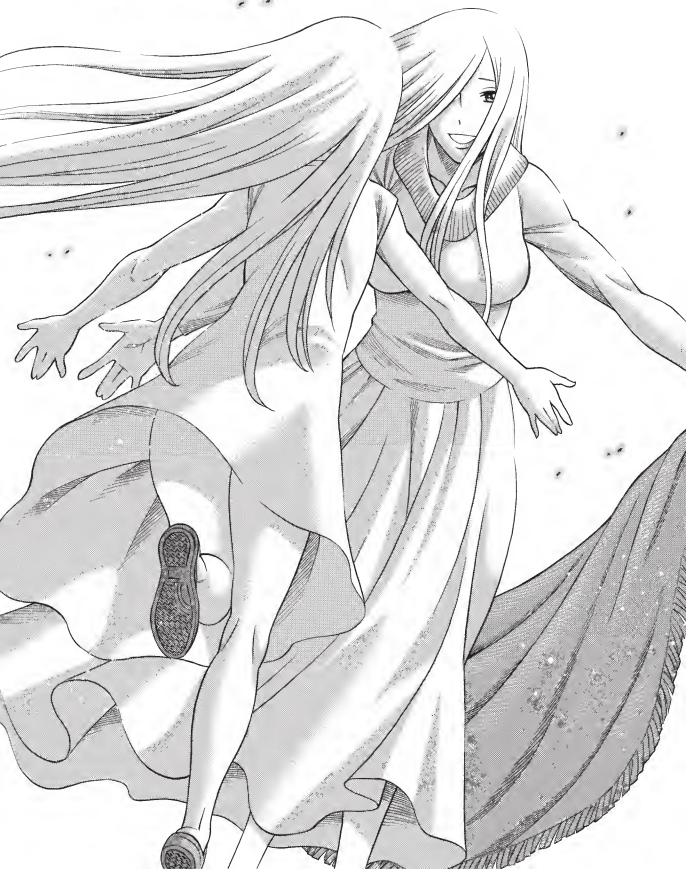


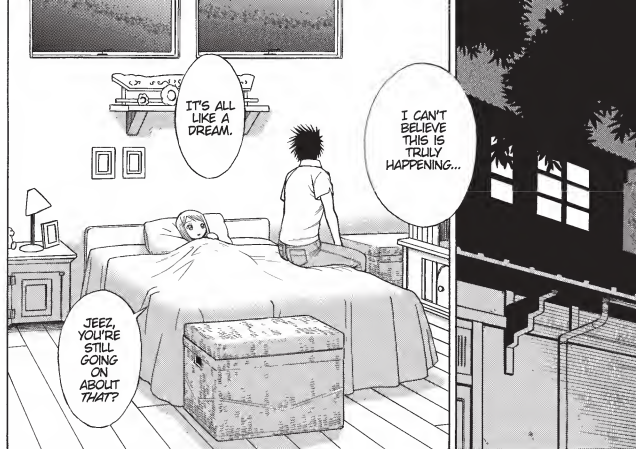






MOTHER!!!

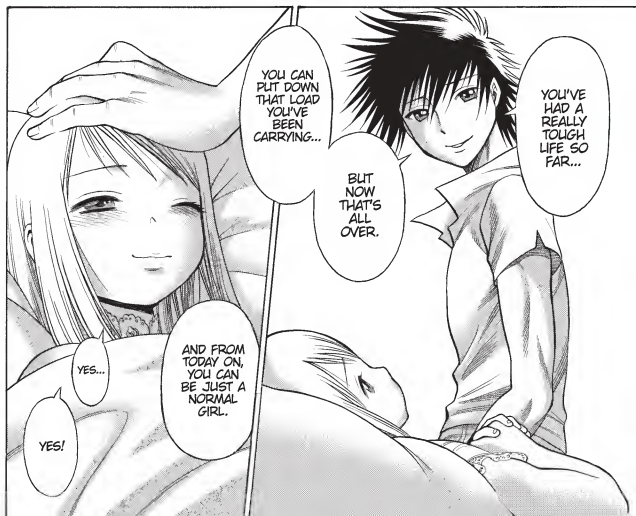




IT'S ALL
LIKE A
DREAM.

I CAN'T
BELIEVE
THIS IS
TRULY
HAPPENING...

JEEZ,
YOU'RE
STILL
GOING
ON
ABOUT
THAT?



YOU CAN
PUT DOWN
THAT LOAD
YOU'VE
BEEN
CARRYING...

BUT
NOW
THAT'S
ALL
OVER.

YOU'VE
HAD A
REALLY
TOUGH
LIFE SO
FAR...

AND FROM
TODAY ON,
YOU CAN
BE JUST A
NORMAL
GIRL.

YES...

YES!

I PRAY
I NEVER
WAKE
UP...!!

BLEEP

BLEEP

BLEEP

IF IT
TURNS OUT
THIS IS
NOTHING
BUT A
DREAM...

I CANNOT
TELL YET
IF THIS
IS REALITY,
OR NOTHING
MORE THAN
A DREAM...

BUT...
I JUST
DON'T CARE
ANYMORE.





**SHE'S
GOING
INTO
CARDIAC
ARREST!**

**DAMMIT,
HURRY
UP WITH
THOSE
PADDLES!!**

**RESPIRA-
TORY RATE
DECREASING!
VITAL SIGNS
FALLING!!**

**WHAT
THE--?!
I'VE
NEVER
SEEN AN
EEG
PATTERN
LIKE
THIS!!**

**YOUR
MAJESTY
!!**

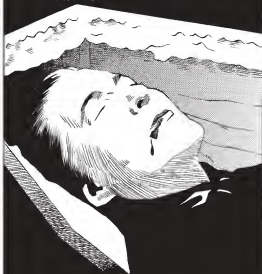
**YOUR
MAJESTY,
PLEASE
HANG IN
THERE!!**

IN SOME SENSE,
THIS DEEP SLEEP
IS VERY FITTING
FOR THE LIVING
DEAD, SUCH AS
VAMPIRES...

BECAUSE
IN IT,
THEY ARE
BUT A
HAIR'S
BREADTH
FROM
DEATH...

"THE SLEEP OF THE DEAD."

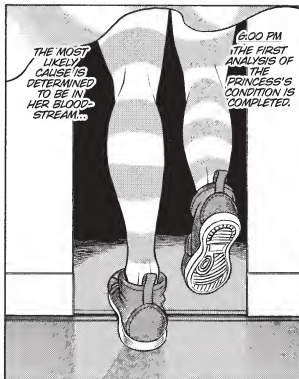
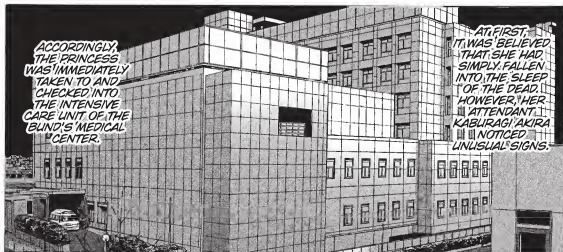
IN THIS STATE,
THE VAMPIRE'S
VITAL SIGNS ALL
FADE TO NEARLY
NOTHING.



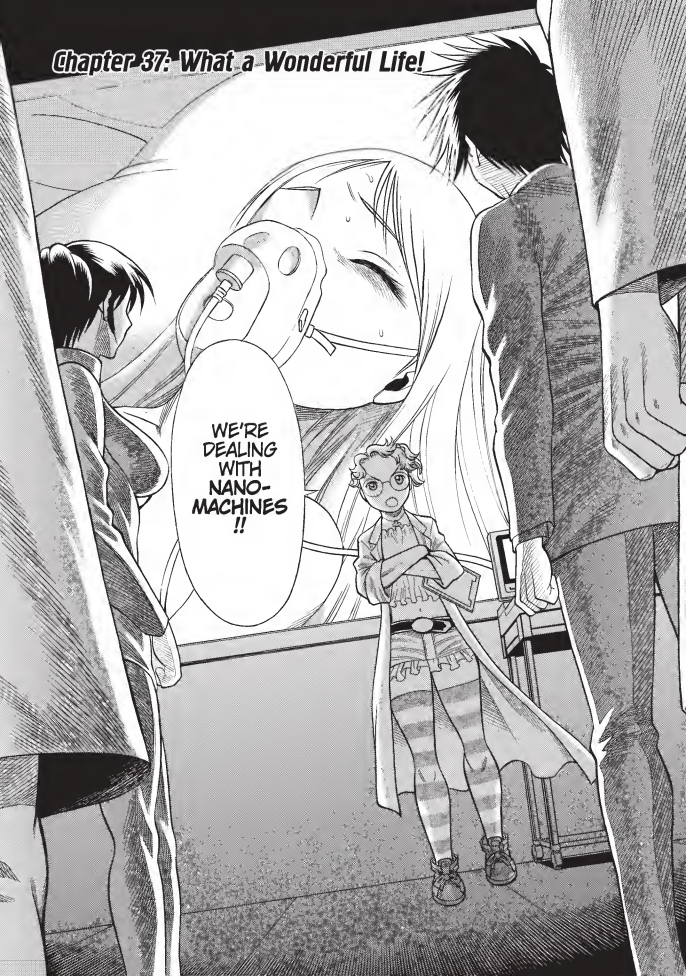
IT IS FOR THIS
VERY REASON THAT
MANY BOOKS AND
MOVIES THAT DEAL
WITH VAMPIRES
ALWAYS SHOW THE
ATTACKS UPON
THEM HAPPENING
WHILE THEY ARE IN
THIS VULNERABLE
STATE.

IT IS WELL
KNOWN THAT
VAMPIRES HAVE
FAR GREATER
METABOLISMS
AND PHYSICAL
QUALITIES
THAN MORTAL
MANKIND.
HOWEVER,
THESE ABILITIES
ARE NOT
INFINITE.

SHOULD A
VAMPIRE
EXHAUST
HIMSELF IN
SOME FASHION,
SUCH AS USING
HIS AVATAR FORM
TOO OFTEN OR
REMAINING
ACTIVE FOR TOO
LONG, HE WILL
FALL INTO A
COMA-LIKE STATE
IN ORDER TO
REGENERATE
HIS ENERGY.



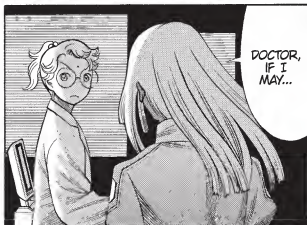
Chapter 37: What a Wonderful Life!



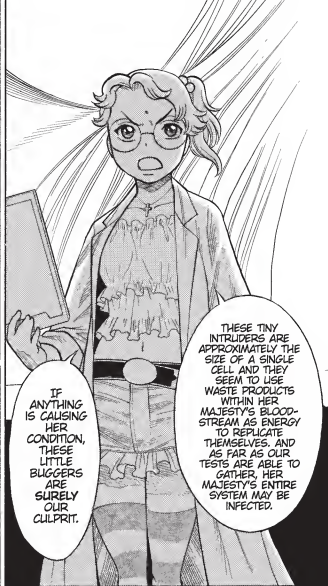
WE'RE
DEALING
WITH
NANO-
MACHINES
!!



HOW
COULD HER
MAJESTY
HAVE
CONTRACTED
THEM?!
WHEN?!

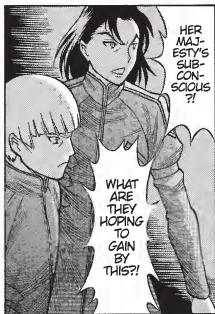


DOCTOR,
IF I
MAY...



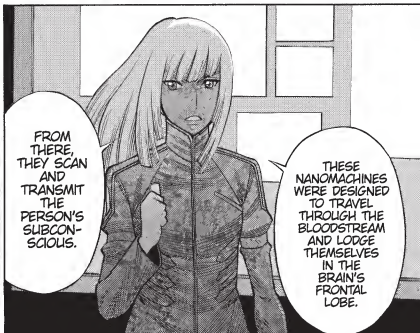
IF
ANYTHING
IS CAUSING
HER
CONDITION,
THESE
LITTLE
BUGGERS
ARE
SURELY
OUR
CULPRIT.

THESE TINY
INTRUDERS ARE
APPROXIMATELY THE
SIZE OF A SINGLE
CELL AND THEY
SEEM TO USE
WASTE PRODUCTS
WITHIN HER
MAJESTY'S BLOOD-
STREAM AS ENERGY
TO REPLICATE
THEMSELVES. AND
AS FAR AS OUR
TESTS ARE ABLE TO
GATHER, HER
MAJESTY'S ENTIRE
SYSTEM MAY BE
INFECTED.



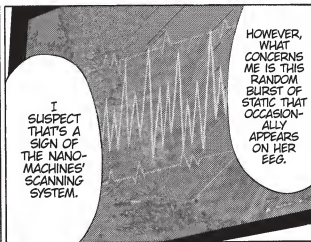
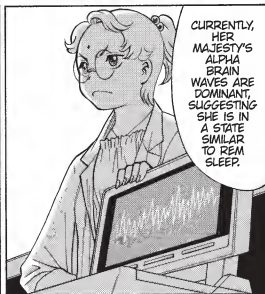
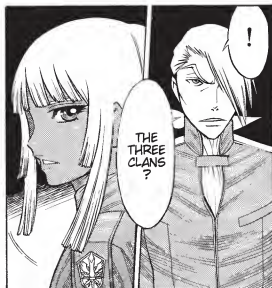
HER
MAJ-
ESTY'S
SUB-
CON-
SCIOUS
?!

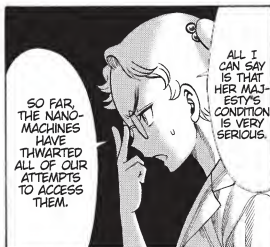
WHAT
ARE THEY
HOPING TO
GAIN BY
THIS?!



FROM
THERE, THEY SCAN
AND
TRANSMIT
THE
PERSON'S
SUBCON-
SCIOUS.

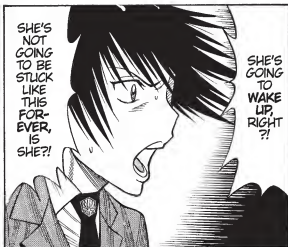
THESE
NANOMACHINES
WERE DESIGNED
TO TRAVEL
THROUGH THE
BLOODSTREAM
AND LODGE
THEMSELVES
IN THE
BRAIN'S
FRONTAL
LOBE.





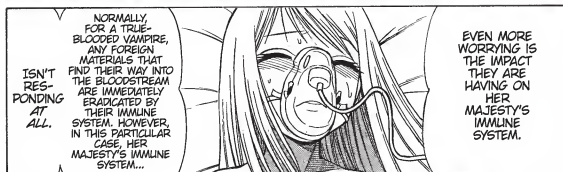
SO FAR, THE NANO-MACHINES HAVE THWARTED ALL OF OUR ATTEMPTS TO ACCESS THEM.

ALL I CAN SAY IS THAT HER MAJESTY'S CONDITION IS VERY SERIOUS.



SHE'S NOT GOING TO BE STUCK LIKE THIS FOREVER, IS SHE?!

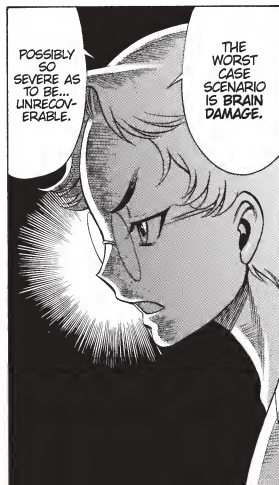
SHE'S GOING TO WAKE UP, RIGHT?!



ISN'T RESPONDING AT ALL.

NORMALLY, FOR A TRUE-BLOODED VAMPIRE, ANY FOREIGN MATERIALS THAT FIND THEIR WAY INTO THE BLOODSTREAM ARE IMMEDIATELY ERADICATED BY THEIR IMMUNE SYSTEM. HOWEVER, IN THIS PARTICULAR CASE, HER MAJESTY'S IMMUNE SYSTEM...

EVEN MORE WORRYING IS THE IMPACT THEY ARE HAVING ON HER MAJESTY'S IMMUNE SYSTEM.



POSSIBLY SO SEVERE AS TO BE... UNRECOVERABLE.

THE WORST CASE SCENARIO IS BRAIN DAMAGE.

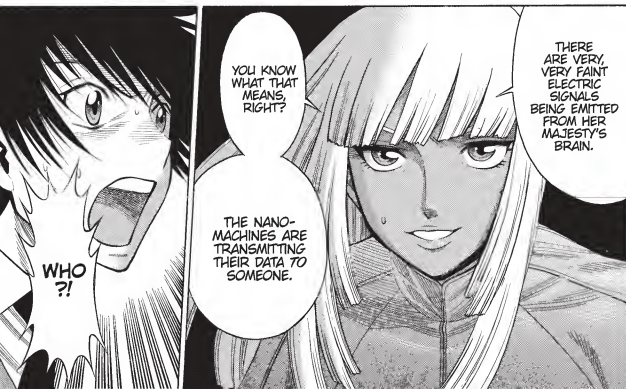


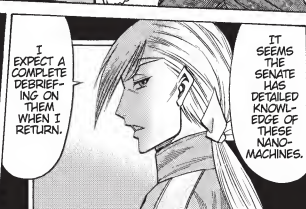
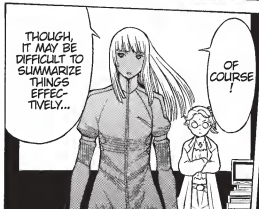
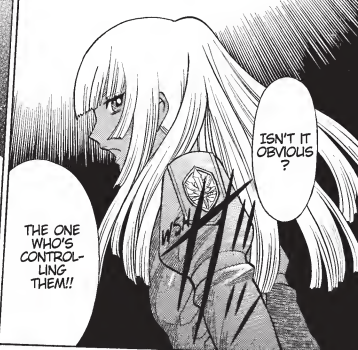
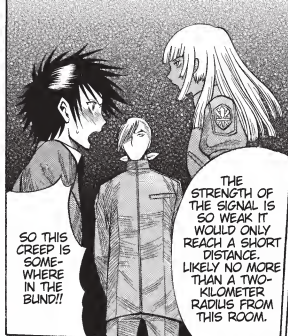
SO TELL ME WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN!

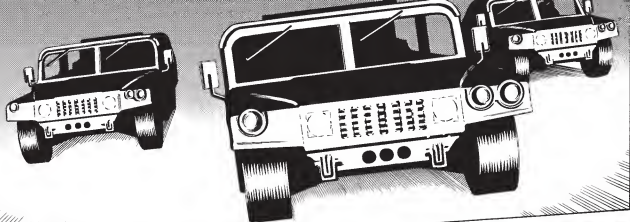


BUT RIGHT NOW, HER MAJESTY CAN'T DO THAT. THE NANO-MACHINES ARE FORCING HER BRAIN TO REMAIN ACTIVE.

WHEN A VAMPIRE'S VITAL SYSTEMS SLOW DOWN TO A CERTAIN POINT, IT AUTOMATICALLY TRIGGERS A SHUT DOWN INTO THE SLEEP OF THE DEAD TO PROTECT THE REST OF THE BODY.







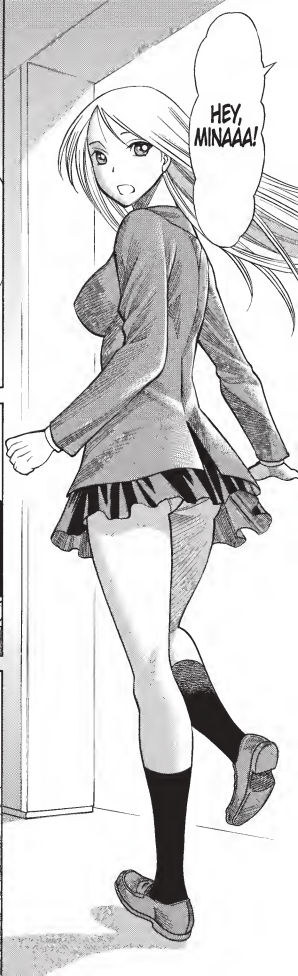
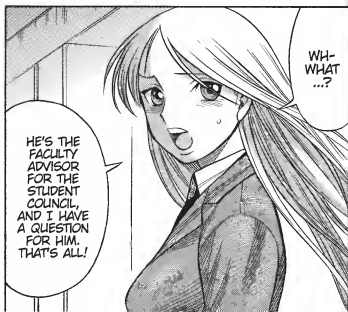
ARE YOU
DREAMING...?

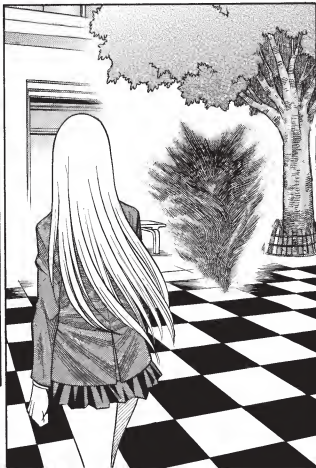
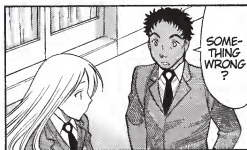
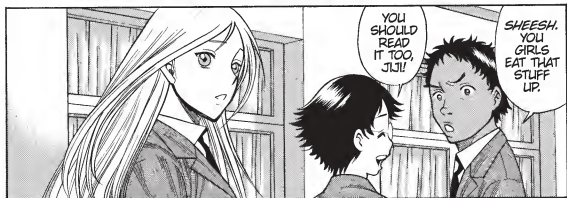
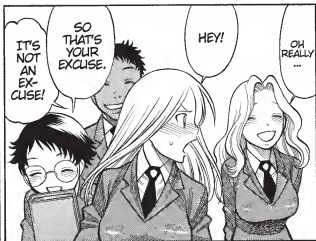
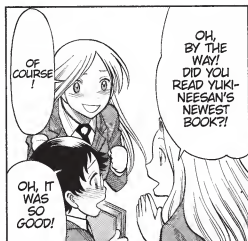
HIME-SAN...

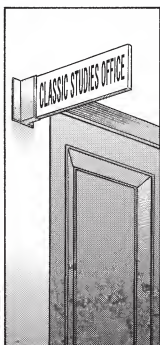
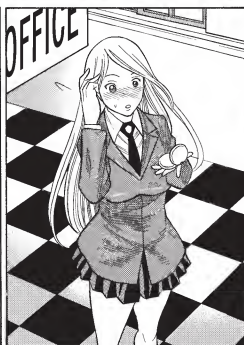
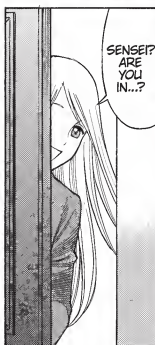
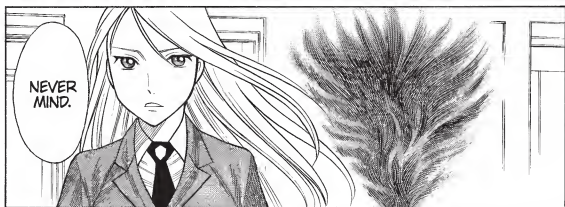
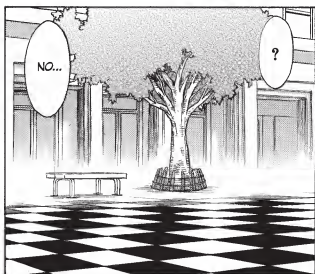
IS IT A
GOOD
ONE?

IF
SO...















HEY
NOW.

KIDS
SHOULDN'T
TALK LIKE
THAT.



I STILL
DON'T CARE.
BESIDES,
IF YOU DO
GET FIRED,
THEN I CAN
SPEND ALL
DAY WITH
YOU.

WE'LL GET
MARRIED,
HAVE A
HOUSE,
AND I CAN
HAVE YOU
FOR DINNER
EVERY
NIGHT.



I
CAN...

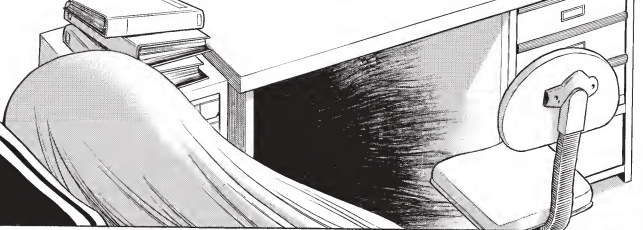
I CAN
FINALLY
STAND
NEXT TO
YOU AND IT
DOESN'T
LOOK
STRANGE
AT ALL!



I'M
NOT A
LITTLE
KID
ANY-
MORE!

LOOK
AT ME!
I'VE
GROWN
TALLER!
I HAVE A
CHEST
NOW!









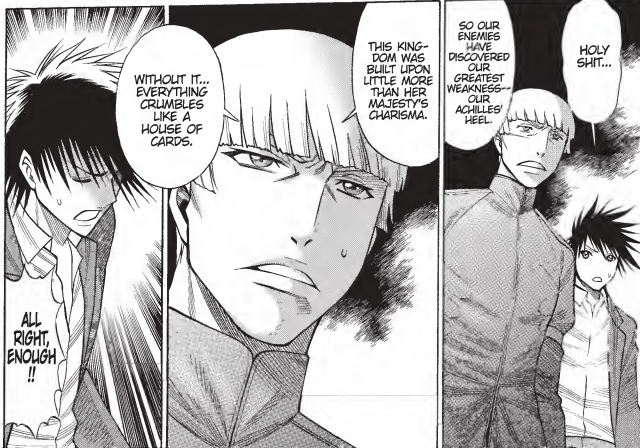


THEY KNEW IT WOULD CAUSE A PANIC. AND IN DOING SO, OUR FORCES WOULD HAVE TO BE DIVIDED IN ORDER TO SQUELCH ANY RIOTS INSTEAD OF SEARCHING FOR THE PERPETRATORS.



AND WORST OF ALL, THE STRESS OF THIS SITUATION IS SUCH THAT OUR VERY CHAIN OF COMMAND IS STARTING TO SHOW SIGNS OF PRAYING AROUND THE EDGES!!

IN JUST THIS PAST HOUR ALONE, WE HAVE RECEIVED OVER TEN THOUSAND ANONYMOUS TIPS ABOUT SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY. OUR PHONE LINES ARE COMPLETELY OVERWHELMED!



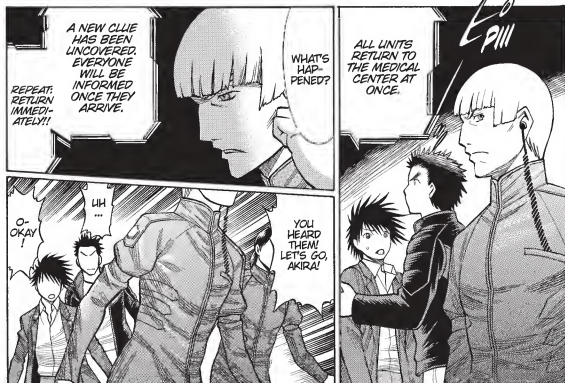
WITHOUT IT... EVERYTHING CRUMBLES LIKE A HOUSE OF CARDS.

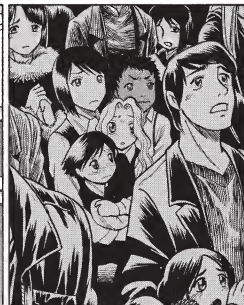
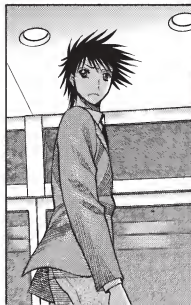
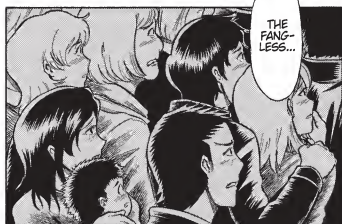
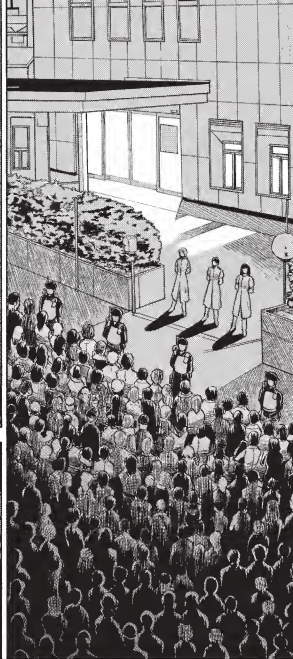
THIS KING--DOM WAS BUILT UPON LITTLE MORE THAN HER MAJESTY'S CHARISMA.

SO OUR ENEMIES HAVE DISCOVERED OUR GREATEST WEAKNESS--OUR ACHILLES' HEEL.

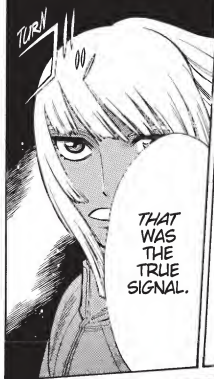
HOLY SHIT...

ALL RIGHT, ENOUGH !!









THAT
WAS
THE
TRUE
SIGNAL.



IT
WAS?

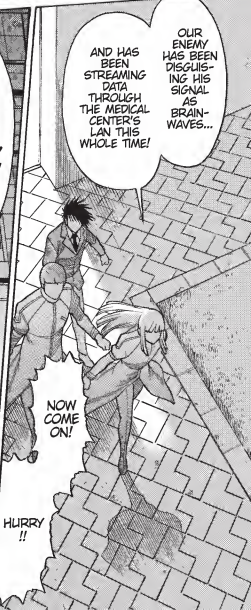
YES.
REMEMBER
HOW THE
DOCTOR SAID
THERE WERE
STRANGE
BURSTS OF
STATIC ON
HER
MAJESTY'S
EEG?



THAT
SIGNAL
WAS
JUST A
RED
HERRING!



OUR
QUARRY
IS RIGHT
INSIDE
THIS VERY
HOSPITAL!!



AND HAS
BEEN
STREAMING
DATA
THROUGH
THE MEDICAL
CENTER'S
LAN THIS
WHOLE TIME!

OUR
ENEMY
HAS BEEN
DISGUIS-
ING HIS
SIGNAL
AS
BRAIN-
WAVES...

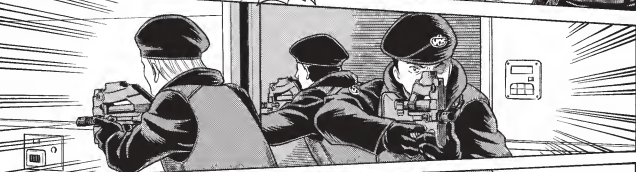
NOW
COME
ON!

HURRY
!!



I WANT
THIS
ENTIRE
BUILDING
SWEEP!
NOTHING
LEAVES!!

THE
SCHE-
MATICS
SHOW
CABLING
IN 95%
OF THE
ROOMS!



FOUND HIM!
LEVEL B5!!
THE SECURITY
CAMERAS IN
THE MEDICAL
RECORDS
STORAGE
ROOM HAVE
HAD THEIR
IMAGES
TAMPERED
WITH!



WE'RE
ON IT!!

B5,
ROGER
THAT!!

THEY'VE
BEEN
RUNNING
ON A
LOOP
FOR
HOURS!



MOVE!!

RUSH

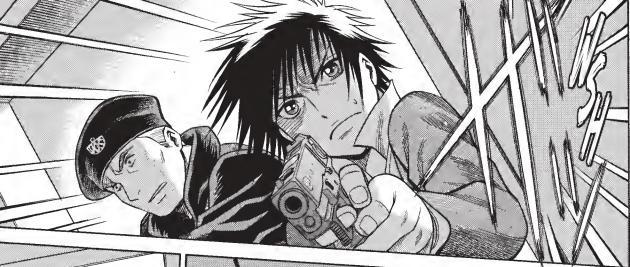


DAMMIT!
THE
DOOR'S
ELECTRIC
LOCK HAS
BEEN
CHANGED!

WE
CAN'T
GET IT
OPEN!!



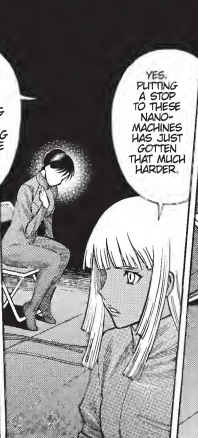
THWAM



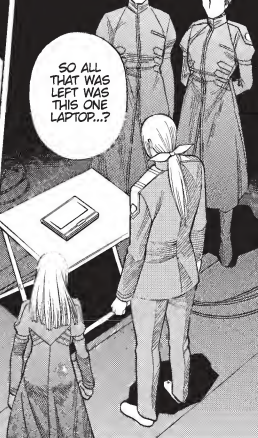


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WE'LL START MINING THE PARTITIONS FOR ANYTHING WE CAN FIND, BUT HOW LONG IT COULD TAKE IS, WELL...



YES. PUTTING A STOP TO THESE NANO-MACHINES HAS JUST GOTTEN THAT MUCH HARDER.



SO ALL THAT WAS LEFT WAS THIS ONE LAPTOP...?



WOLF-GANG-DONO...

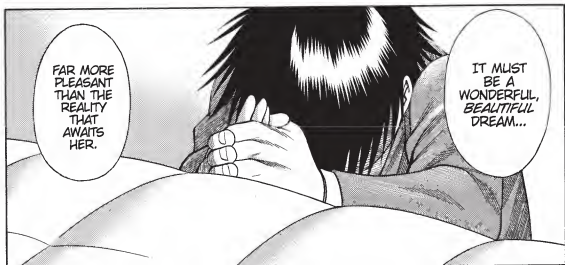
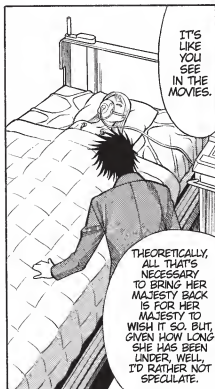
HER MAJESTY IS A TRUE-BLOODED VAMPIRE.

THE POWER OF A TRUE-BLOOD IS IMMENSURABLE. NO MATTER HOW ADVANCED THE NANOMACHINE IS, WOULD IT TRULY BE ABLE TO KEEP ITS HOLD ON HER FOR LONG?



AKIRA, WE WILL NOT REQUIRE YOU HERE. GO STAY BY HER MAJESTY'S SIDE.

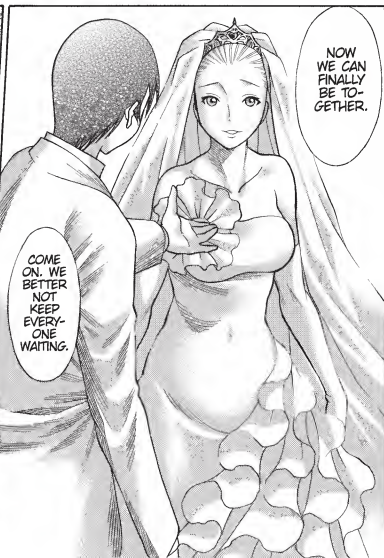
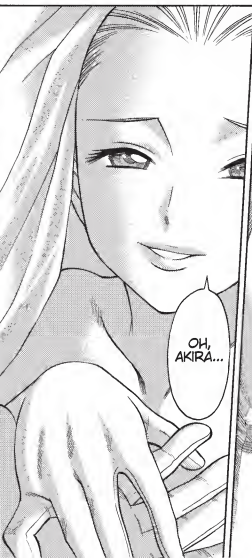
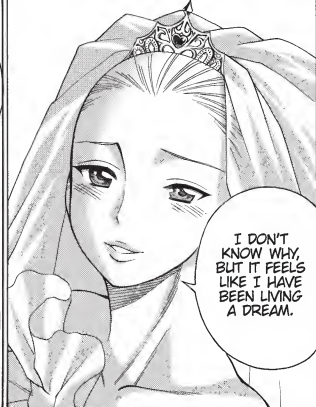


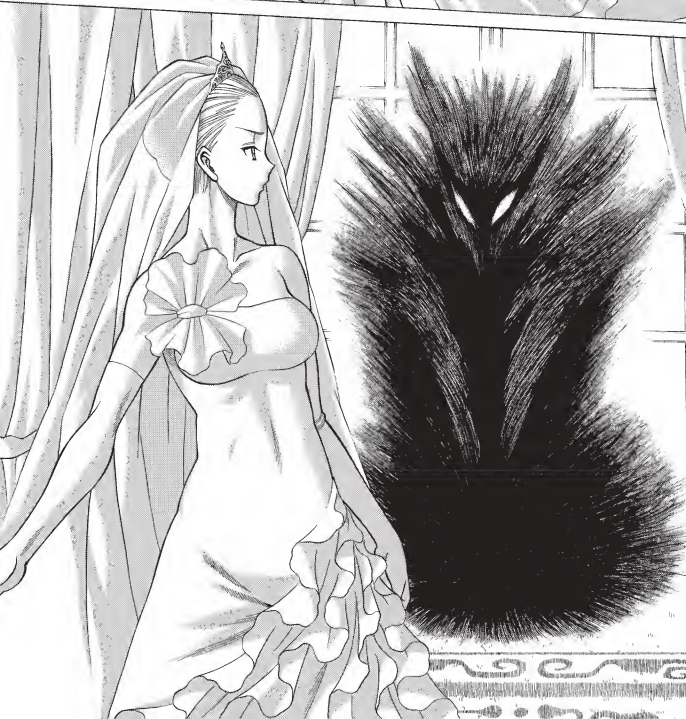
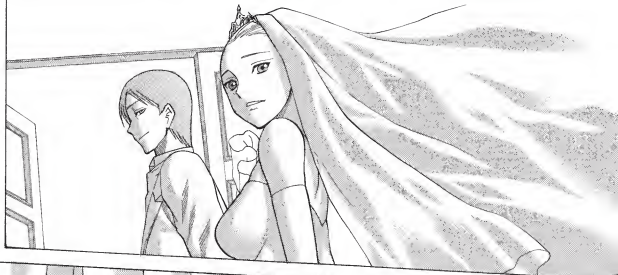


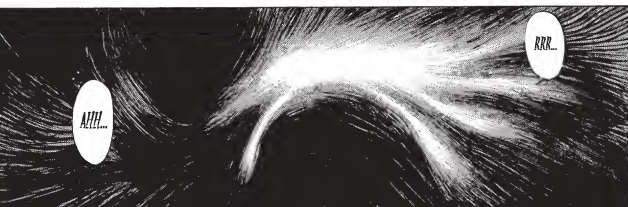
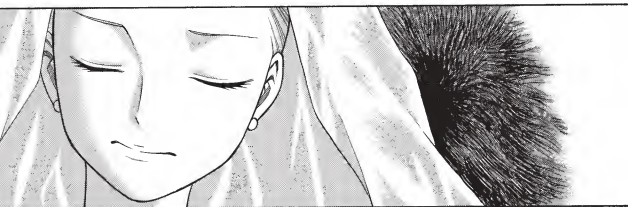
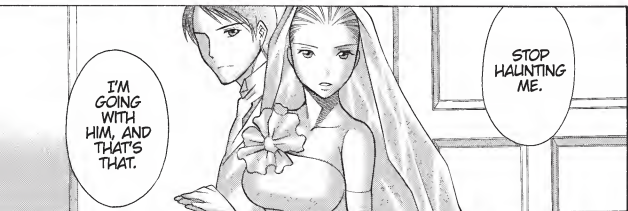


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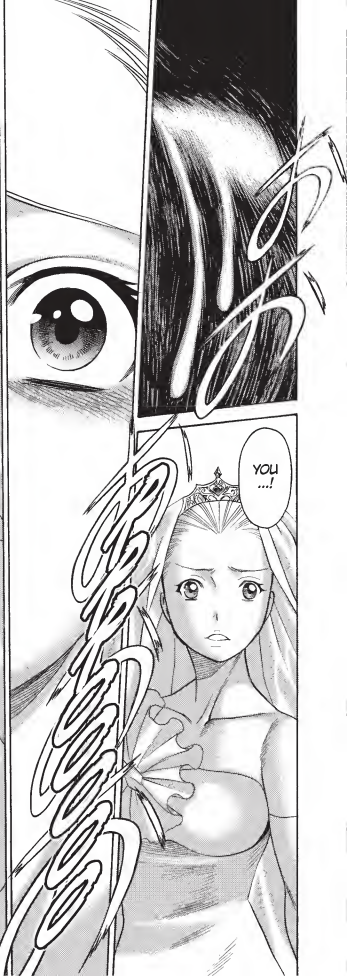
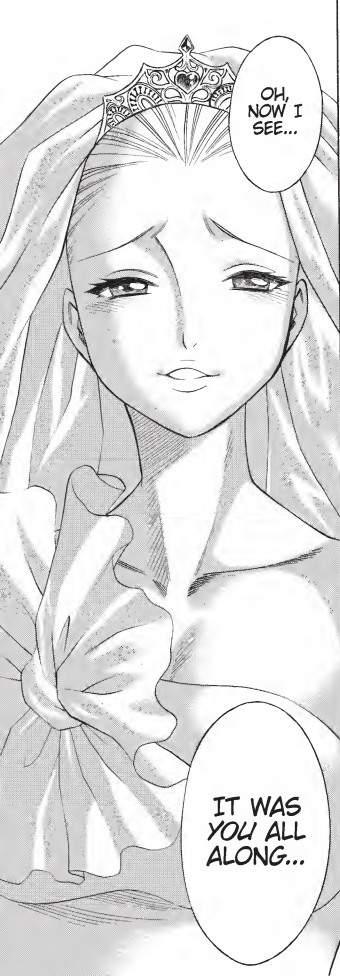
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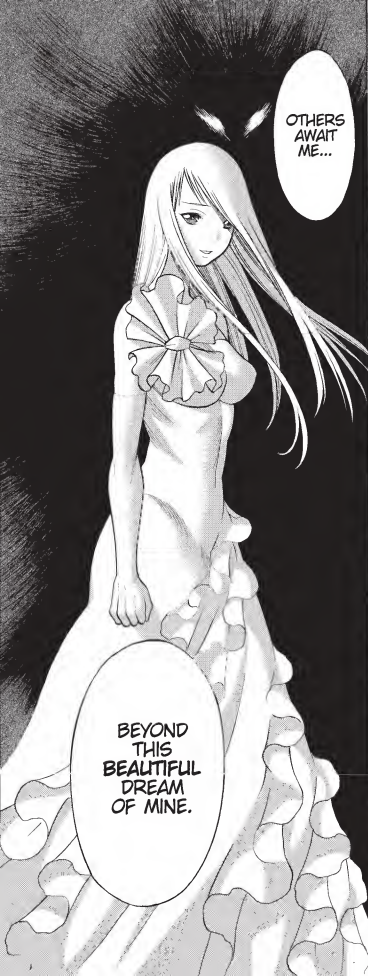






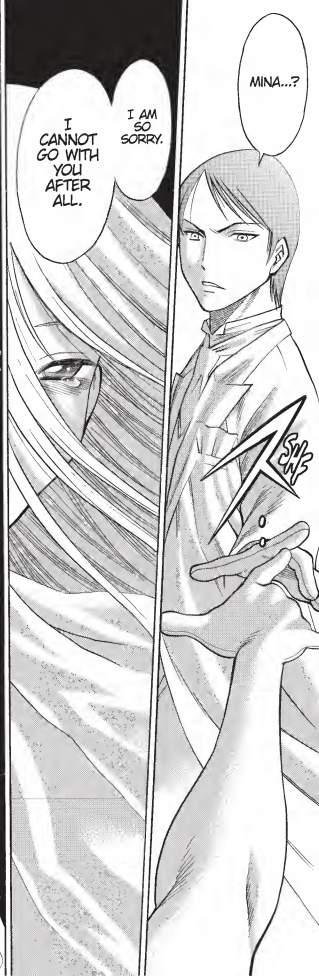






OTHERS
AWAIT
ME...

BEYOND
THIS
BEAUTIFUL
DREAM
OF MINE.



MINA...?

I AM
SO
SORRY.

I
CANNOT
GO WITH
YOU
AFTER
ALL.



MINA!!

YOU HAVE
BROUGHT
ME
NOTHING
BUT HAP-
PINESS.

PLEASE,
KNOW
THAT...

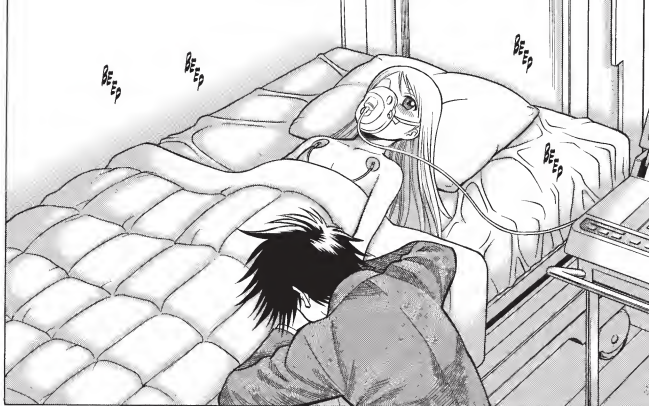
MINA!!!

BEEP

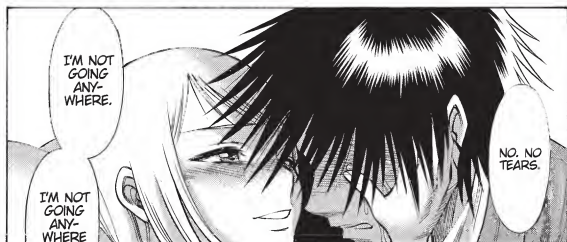
BEEP

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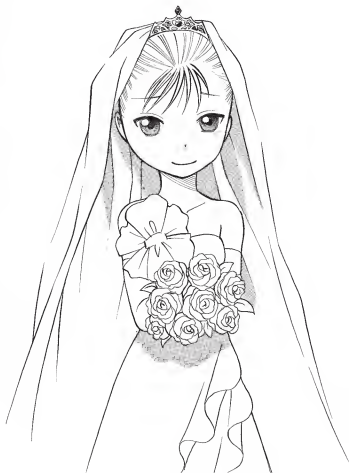
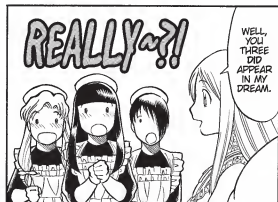
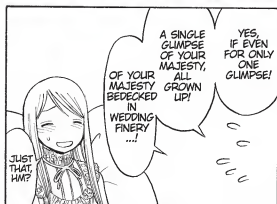
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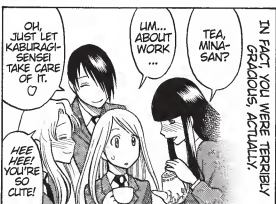
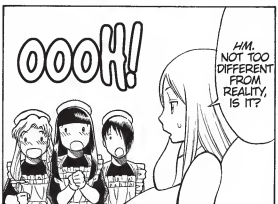
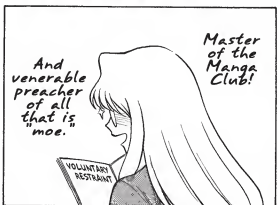
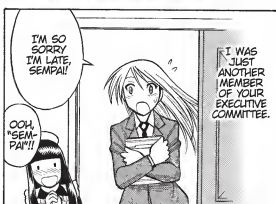
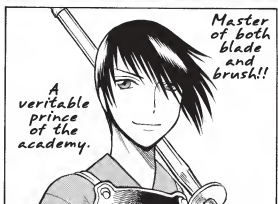
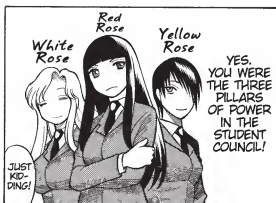
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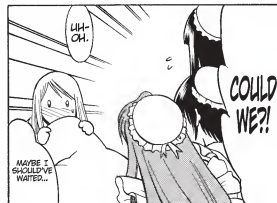
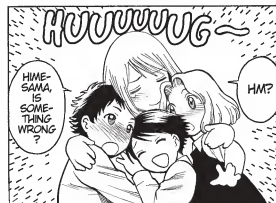
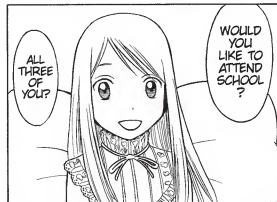
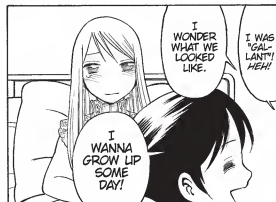
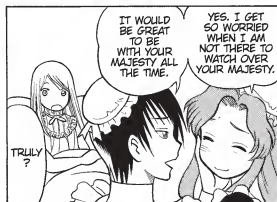
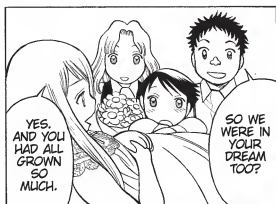


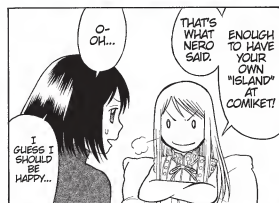
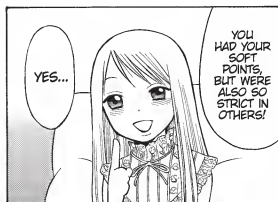
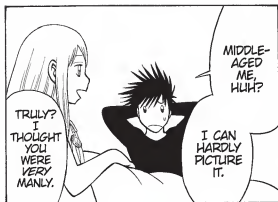


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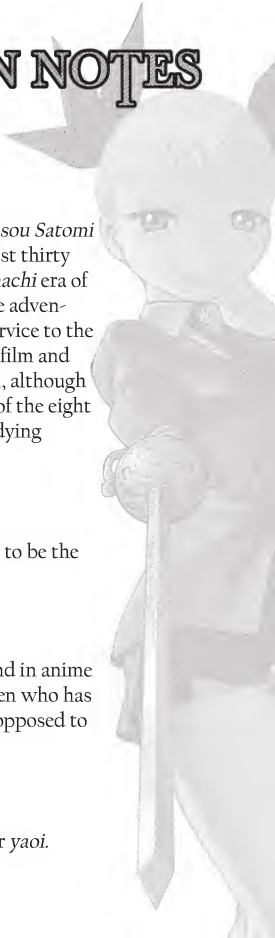






SEE YOU IN VOLUME 7!!

TRANSLATION NOTES



56.4.10

Kyokutei Bakin wrote his epic story "*Nansou Satomi Hakkenden*" across 106 volumes and almost thirty years from 1814 to 1842. Set in the *Muromachi* era of Japanese history (1336-1576), it tells of the adventures of eight samurai warriors in their service to the Satomi house. There have been many TV, film and manga adaptations of the story since then, although not many in English. Inuzuka Shino, one of the eight samurai, was raised as a girl, because his dying mother wished it in her will.

57.4.16-5.17

Uke and *seme* are *yaoi* terms for who gets to be the bottom and top, respectively.

57.3.10

"Lolita Complex" is a term frequently found in anime and manga to describe an adult man or teen who has a special fondness for pubescent girls, as opposed to young women.

60.4.9

BL is short for Boys Love, another term for *yaoi*.

97.3.9

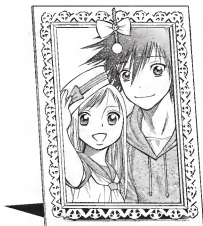
Matsuo Basho was a renowned Japanese poet who lived during the early Edo Period in Japan (1603-1869), and is considered one of the greatest masters of *haiku* to have ever lived.

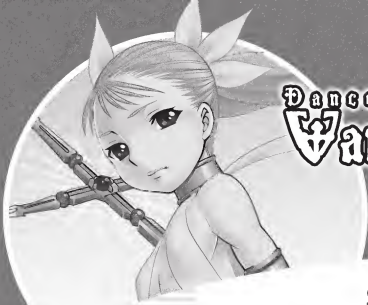
97.2.6

Bai Juyi was a renowned Chinese poet who lived during the Tang Dynasty (772-846) and wrote almost 3,000 poems. One of his most famous is the *Changhen Ge*, or *The Song of Everlasting Sorrow*, which tells the tale of the doomed relationship between an emperor and one of his concubines. In the final lines, the concubine laments that they cannot become *renri-no-eda*, as two branches intertwined, never to part.

197.7.14

Comiket ("Comic Market") is the world's largest independent comic book fair, held twice a year in Tokyo. As space is at a premium within the convention center, any creator who has an entire cubed section (an "island") dedicated to themselves would be very, very popular.





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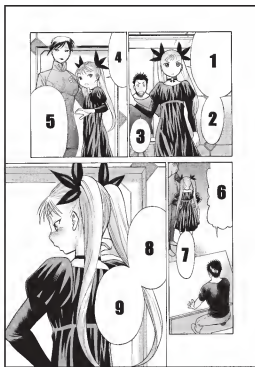
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If this is your first time reading manga, just follow the diagram. It may seem backwards at first, but you'll get used to it! Have fun!

